

HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL

JESUS CHRIST IS THE REASON FOR OUR SCHOOL

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Issue 28

HFRS Weekly Wrap

Dear Parents,

This week is marked by the darkest shadows, the tenderness of a communal meal and the way of the cross. It is also a week filled with hope, a week that culminates in the mystery of an empty tomb, and it is a week in which we know that God always, mysteriously brings forth life out of death.

By Easter morning, if you have walked through the events portrayed by Holy Week, you will have feelings of hope— real hope. This hope springs from the valley of the shadow of death, from the gap where we cannot bring forth anything new of our own power. The hope is known in the frontier of suffering and death, where we least expect it. Listen with your deepest self as the events of the week unfold.

The safety of our school continues to be a top priority for myself and our staff. Sadly there have been a number of instances of gun violence in schools, two of which impacted our community directly. The most recent shooting in Nashville has created more unrest and concern for our faith-based school communities. I have received a number of questions from our school community regarding our school security. I want to take this opportunity to share with you what we have put in place to protect our children, faculty, staff and families.

Several years ago all doors were installed with electronic keyless entries. This security measure provides us the ability to lock down the campus immediately, monitor door usage, and change locks quickly and efficiently when needed. During the school day, all exterior and interior doors of the building are in a locked position. Surveillance cameras at the school entries and throughout the building are monitored throughout the day. These security measures are accessed and monitored remotely by administrative staff on a regular basis.

In 2020, our school received a security grant from the State of Michigan which was used to install shatterproof window film on all entry way doors, windows and common areas. This additional security measure increases the response time for individuals within the school to activate crisis response procedures.

Last year, thanks to the generosity of many donors, we purchased Nightlock devices which were installed on all doors. This mechanism provides a second layer of protection in the classroom in the event of an intruder. All faculty, staff, and students are trained in ALICE procedures and these are practiced as part of our lockdown drills which are performed three times each year.

The Bluepoint Emergency System was purchased in 2022 and is nearing installation completion. Emergency pull stations are located throughout the school which will immediately

alert the Oakland County Sheriff's Department of the crisis and location. We have a close relationship with these authorities who manage our Emergency Operations Plan, and are well prepared to respond in a crisis situation. You may have seen our school liaison officer, Deputy Gooch, at our building in the mornings during drop-off or at special events.

While these safety actions are all effective, we continue to look for additional layers of protection for our school community. This past week, I met with a group of parents to discuss the feasibility of hiring an armed security officer to be on our school campuses throughout the day. Several schools in the area have security officers who are responsible for the daily monitoring of school security. At this point we are investigating companies that provide this service, what it would look like at HFRS and determining the cost associated with the service. In the coming weeks I will share our findings and we'll seek input from our school community regarding possible implementation for the upcoming school year.

While all of these layers of protection provide us a sense of comfort, the safety of our school is also dependent on actions our families take at home. Three out of four school shooters acquire their firearm from the home or a close relative. Every year in the United States, 350 children under the age of 18 gain access to a firearm and unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else. Nearly 700 more die by suicide with a gun each year. We have the ability to prevent tragedies like these from happening.

There are several things you can do within your family that will help our children understand gun safety. I suggest you use the acronym SMART to initiate the gun safety conversation.

Secure all guns in your home and vehicle.

Model responsible behavior around guns.

Ask about the presence of unsecured guns in other homes.

Recognize the role of guns in suicide.

Tell your peers to be SMART.

In this edition of the Weekly Wrap you will find a guide to *Talking With Your Children About Guns*. Hopefully you will find this information helpful. You can also visit the website BeSmartForKids.org.

I really appreciate the support and prayers I receive from our school community when it comes to the safety of our children. Our parents are always willing to go the extra mile to provide the very best security resources, training and prevention. I am grateful for your commitment to protect our children and our school.

Wishing you and your family an Easter filled with hope, love, and new life.



Mr. Jon Myers
Principal

Monday, April 10

Easter Monday– No School

Tuesday, April 11

Student Council Sponsored Jean Day– \$1.00 to support Autism Alliance of Michigan

9:00am PTG Meeting in MPR (SC)

Thursday, April 13

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

Friday, April 14

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

4:00pm Report Cards Go Live

Announcements:

Teacher Requests: Please note the Parent-Student Handbook addresses Student Class Placement. **It is school policy that teachers and administration do not take requests from parents regarding placement of students for next year.** Teachers meet as a team to place students in the classroom setting that will best support the needs of the student. Our teachers and staff call upon the Holy Spirit to help guide the process, which is a wonderful blessing at our school.

HFRS Logo: Please note that the HFRS logo is a registered trademark and cannot be used without the approval of the school. It has been noted that the logo is appearing on unapproved social media sites. If you or your child have posted the logo without approval, please have it removed.

Hot Lunch Ordering for May and June is now open!

Ordering Closes on April 7th at 12:00 noon. No late orders can be accepted.

Spring Uniform begins Tuesday, April 11th. Tennis shoes will be allowed for girls and boys only if wearing skirts and shorts. Uniform shoes must be worn with uniform pants. Middle School Mass uniform will be pants only and formal shoe. Girls may not wear tennis shoes on Mass day. Crew socks must be worn with tennis shoes. Socks displaying a manufacturer's logo, ankle or no-show sock are not permitted. Please refer to the Uniform Policy in the Parent-Student Handbook if you have any questions.



Talking To Your Children About Guns

Every year, 350 children unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else when they find unlocked, loaded guns.¹ Nearly 700 American children die by gun suicide each year.² One study showed that over 80 percent of children under the age of 18 who died by gun suicide used a gun belonging to a family member.³ The Be SMART program, designed to prevent these shootings, recognizes **that secure storage by adult gun owners is essential to preventing unauthorized, unsupervised access to firearms by children.**

It is always an adult's responsibility to prevent unauthorized access to guns, not a curious child's responsibility to avoid guns. That means always keeping all firearms unloaded, locked, and stored separately from ammunition.

And yet research shows that approximately 4.6 million American children live in homes with guns that are not stored securely.⁴ We recognize that until every gun is securely stored, children are still at risk of finding unsecured guns, and parents need guidance on how to talk to their children about what to do if that happens. The suggestions below, developed in collaboration with Marjorie Sanfilippo, Ph.D., a professor and expert on children's behaviors around firearms, are a good place to start:

Tips for Talking to Young Children:

- Make it part of the normal safety conversation you have with your children.
- Keep the language simple; for example: "If you see a gun, don't touch it. Tell an adult right away."
- Tell children not to touch a gun, even if it looks like a toy.
- Assure children they will not get in trouble if they tell an adult they've seen a gun.
- Repeat it on a regular basis.

Tips for Talking to Adolescents:

- Include it in your general safety conversations about topics like drugs, alcohol, and drunk driving.
- Tell them to immediately leave any situation where an unsecured gun is present.

- Tell them not to listen to a friend who says a gun is unloaded or otherwise safe.
- Give your teen strategies to get out of a situation where a gun is present—or brainstorm them together. For example, you could agree that your teen would say: "Mom just texted me that I have to get home right now."
- Assure them that it's OK to ask people about the presence of unsecured guns in other homes they may be visiting, but offer to do it for them if they don't feel comfortable.

Tips for All Ages:

- Don't have the conversation only once. Talk to them frequently, just as you would about other crucial safety issues.
- Make sure they understand that any situation where there's an unsupervised gun is a dangerous situation.

It is important to remember that **talking to children about guns is a precaution, not a guarantee of safety.** One study found that young children who go through a week-long gun safety training are just as likely as children with no training to approach or play with a handgun when they find one.⁵

This is one reason we take issue with the National Rifle Association's program to reduce unintentional shootings by children, Eddie Eagle, as it focuses solely on educating children not to touch guns without permission and to alert an adult if they find a firearm. That alone is not nearly sufficient to reduce unsupervised access to guns by children.

¹ Everytown for Gun Safety, "#NotAnAccident Index: Unintentional Shootings by Children," <https://everytownresearch.org/maps/notanaccident/>. A yearly average was developed using data from 2015 to 2021. Incidents from the index are collected from media reports of unintentional shootings by children under the age of 18 that result in injury or death.

² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, WONDER Online Database, Underlying Cause of Death. A yearly average was developed using five years of most recent available data: 2016 to 2020. Analysis includes children aged 0 to 17.

³ Renee M. Johnson et al., "Who Are the Owners of Firearms Used in Adolescent Suicides?" *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*, 40, no. 6 (2010): 609–11.

⁴ Matthew Miller and Deborah Azrael, "Firearm Storage in US Households with Children: Findings from the 2021 National Firearm Survey," *JAMA Network Open* 5, no. 2 (2022): e2148823.

⁵ Marjorie S. Hardy, "Teaching Firearm Safety to Children: Failure of a Program," *Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics* 23, no. 2 (2002): 71–76.

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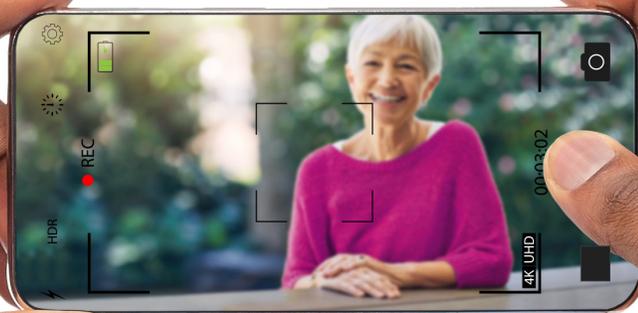
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This Week in our Faith

News from Campus Ministry

Happy Easter

I hope you and your family have a wonderful celebration of Jesus' Resurrection this weekend. ALELLUIA share this good news of salvation with others. That is what Jesus is wanting from us. After Jesus rose, we know that he appeared several times to his disciples. One time was when he met Mary Magdalene looking for him in the tomb, another is when he appeared on the road to Emmaus. Two disciples, in despair of losing Jesus, were leaving town when what appeared to be a stranger began walking with them. They did not recognize Jesus (neither did Mary at the tomb), but Jesus spoke scripture to them and then sat and had a meal with them. They said, "We knew him in the breaking of the bread." Jesus makes himself present, and known to us, when we break bread together. We do this each time we enter sacred liturgy and celebrate the Eucharist. The two on the road with Jesus also said, "Weren't our hearts burning within us while he was walking with us on the road?" We are to walk the road with others who don't know Jesus and bring Him to them...You have Jesus' light inside you, go light the world!

We will continue to celebrate Easter for the next 50 days! It is a season, not just a day! It will begin at sunset on the eve of Holy Saturday and will last until Pentecost Sunday, May 28th this year! Pentecost is when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit upon his disciples and gave them gifts to go out into the world bringing people to God. We know the Holy Spirit is with us and leads our school!

Easter, as you know, is the culmination and foundation of our faith. It is also the oldest Christian holiday since Pope Leo, "I regarded it the greatest feast of the liturgical year". St. Paul wrote, "If Christ has not been raised then your faith has been in vain." (1 Cor 15:14).

The choosing of the date, of this great feast, was difficult for the Church. To them, each Sunday was a celebration of Jesus' resurrection. When it was decided to highlight the day of resurrection, a few, such as, St. Irenaeus and St. Polycarp, felt it should coincide with the Jewish Passover.

Upcoming Events and Mass Leadership

- April 13- 9:00 AM **South Campus Mass** St. Mary of the Hills. Leadership: Mrs. Simonis
- April 14- 9:00 AM **North Campus Mass**. St. Andrew Church. Leadership: Mrs. Offer
- April 20 - 9:00 AM South Campus Mass St. Mary of the Hills. Leadership: Mrs. MeLampy 8th
- April 21- **First Communion Retreat** - Second Grade Students

This of course was determined by the lunar calendar. The Council of Nicaea, in 325 AD, preferred the first Sunday that followed a full moon right after the spring (vernal) equinox, which is the date that we celebrate today. Although it many times lines up with Passover. We can finally shout and sing Alleluia, or in Hebrew *hallelujah*, once again. It means praise God. Praise God that he became one of us. Our Heavenly Father sent his Son to earth to bring us close to Him. Jesus, the Son, took our sins upon Himself and suffered the cruel punishment of death...our sins died with Him...He was raised to new life ... we are raised and made new as well! Rejoice and tell Jesus thank you. Tell Him how much you love Him! Show Him by how you live.

**May the Peace of Jesus be with you and your family
always, Kim Myers, Campus Ministry**



HFRS Lenten Prayer Campaign

This final week of Lent, Mrs. Myers leads us through Lectio Divina through last Sunday's Gospel, [Click Here](#) for this week's video. Once you've experienced it, record your participation [Here](#)



Join us for Taco Tuesday and Come Ask the Men in Black

Date: Tuesday, April 18th

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: South Campus MPR

Grab the family and join us for a Taco Bar catered by Miguel's Cantina. After dinner all 4 of our priests will be available to answer all of our questions related to the Catholic Faith. If you've ever wondered about the parts of Mass, why the Pope is the head of our church or how long do priests have to go to school for... now is your chance to ask! Dinner is \$12 per person. To purchase tickets by Friday, April 14th, [Click Here](#)



Happy
Easter

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Sacred Triduum in our Family of Parishes

- **Holy Thursday**
 - Mass of the Lord's Supper. 7PM St. Andrew, St. Irenaeus, St. Mary of the Hills
- **Good Friday**
 - St. Andrew: 12PM Stations of the Cross, 1:30 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
 - St. Irenaeus: 12PM Stations of the Cross, 1:30 PM Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 - St. Mary of the Hills: 3PM-5PM Good Friday Service, 5PM-7PM Soup and Salad Meal, 8PM Living Stations
- **Holy Saturday**
 - Blessing of the Food Baskets 12PM St. Andrew, St. Irenaeus, St. Mary of the Hills
 - Easter Vigil Mass 8PM St. Andrew, 8:30PM St. Irenaeus, 7:00PM St. Mary of the Hills
- **Easter Sunday**
 - St. Andrew Mass Times: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM (no 5PM)
 - St. Irenaeus Mass Times: 8AM, 9:45AM, 11:30AM
 - St. Mary of the Hills Mass Times: 9AM, 11AM



Did you know that the HFRS website has a prayer button where families can submit prayer intentions? These intentions are brought to the Altar during our School Mass so that they can be prayed over. To submit an intention [Click Here](#) We would love to pray with you.

Catholic Trivia

Did you know.... the Paschal Candle represents Christ? It is blessed by the priest who inscribes in it a cross, the first letters and last of the Greek alphabet, (Alpha and Omega 'the beginning and the end') and the current year. The candle is lit each day during Mass throughout the Paschal season until the Ascension.



Join us for Taco Tuesday Come Ask the Men in Black

All 4 of our wonderful priests will be with us to answer all of your questions related to our faith. You can ask them anything!

Purchase Tickets
by April 14th



Tuesday, April 18th
5:30PM

South Campus MPR
\$12 per person



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GOLF CART SPONSOR - \$2,500 (ONE AVAILABLE)

(1) Individual Golfer
Signage at the Event
Postcard of your design on each of the golf carts
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INDIVIDUAL GOLFER - \$250

18 holes w/cart, lunch, and dinner
(1) Putt in putting contest

WATER SPONSOR - \$1,500 (ONE AVAILABLE)

(1) Individual Golfer
Signage at the Event
Water bottles with your logo placed in all golf carts
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FOURSOME - \$1,000

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(4) Mulligans
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April Showers!

Hope everyone had a chance to splash in puddles and sing in the rain this week.
Now back to business...

Event Chairpersons Wanted

Love event planning? We need YOU!

With assistance from the PTG board, event chairpersons provide leadership for the entire event planning process. They prepare event marketing, direct committee members, run event set-up and execution.

We know some of you were BORN to do this.

Enticed yet? [Simply sign-up here for more info!](#)
 We'll give you all the tools needed to facilitate a quality event.* *No experience necessary!*

*Bigger events (ie: Fall Festival, Field Day, etc.) may have informational meetings. See last article of this issue...

Next PTG Membership Meeting

4/11 - 9:15 am - South Campus

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Mothers' Dinner

Thursday May 11th - Palazzo Grande

Tickets are now on sale for our 40th Annual HFRS Mothers' Dinner & Fashion Show.

Visit the official [Mothers' Dinner page](#) to:

- Purchase tickets
- **Purchase bracelets - by Apr 12th!**
- Purchase Sponsorships (*Sponsors will also need to [submit this form.](#)*)

Family Dinner Night

Monday, Apr 24th - City Tavern

Good eats. Better company. Another fabulous HFRS family dinner night. Only this time it's in person and...*wait for it*...all you can eat! So bring your appetite and your family to City Tavern on April 24th. [Purchase here](#). See attached flyer for details.

Celebrating the Arts

North Campus - Monday, May 22nd

South Campus - Wednesday, May 24th

Save the dates for two special nights of Fine Art. Students at both campuses will showcase their creations and musical talent. More info to come...

Field Day

North Campus - Monday, Jun 5th

South Campus - Tuesday, Jun 6th

All the excitement. All the fun. *The ONLY way to close out the year.* Save the dates for this year's WILDCAT GAMES! More info to come...
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Fall Festival MTG

Apr 12th

Interested in joining the Fall Festival committee? Join us **Wednesday, Apr 12th at 9 am** in the **North Campus MPR** for an informational meeting, on how to run this spectacular event. [Don't forget to sign up here!](#)

Retail Fundraisers

[Box Tops](#), [Busch's](#), [Kroger](#), [RaiseRight Toyology](#)

All year, we participate in retail fundraisers that benefit HFRS. Click on the links above for more info on each program. *Hurry! The year's almost over.*

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Thursday, May 11, 2023
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APRIL 19TH 5:30-6PM: MANDATORY PARENT MEETING

APRIL 19TH 6-8PM: POM BASICS AND REVIEW OF THE TRYOUT ROUTINE

APRIL 20TH 6-8PM: FINAL TRYOUT

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