



Friday, September 8, 2023

Issue 4

## HFRS Weekly Wrap

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy four day week! We have completed our first fire drill and lock down drill at both campuses. We used our new Blue Point system, and several parents noticed the blue flashing lights on Thursday. This system is a tremendous blessing of additional safety and security to our campuses. We will continue using them for each drill moving forward.

Today we celebrate the Blessed Mother's birthday! She is part of our patron saint The Holy Family, and we celebrated her during our morning announcements at both campuses.

Monday, September 11th is School Picture Day! Students came home this week with the ordering forms, and you are also able to order them online. Students are able to wear non-uniform for pictures. Please make sure you are following our non-uniform guidelines. We do not want students with bare shoulders in the yearbook. We appreciate your assistance with this!

Monday is also Patriot's Day! Our NJHS will be placing flags representing the souls lost during the attacks of 9/11. Do you remember where you were the day of this tragic event? I can remember I was teaching an 8th grade class when Mr. Myers came to tell me about the twin towers. I was a first year, inexperienced teacher, I didn't know what to do with the students except pray. I now know that there would never have been a way to prepare me for that moment. We continue to pray and remember the impact of that fateful day on our country, our democracy, and our freedoms. Many changes have been made since that day.

Raffle tickets are due Friday September 15th if you haven't returned them yet. Thank you to the many families who have already returned them, and some who have asked to sell additional tickets. Our Fall Festival is quickly arriving, make sure to purchase your wrist bands. See the PTG Connection for more details.

Next Friday, September 15th, we will have our beginning of the year All School Mass. Everyone will report at their regular time to north campus. Students from both campuses will spend time with buddies before mass. Mass begins at 10am. For anyone not able to join us for mass, please come into church to pick up your child at the conclusion of mass.

Your disciple in Christ,

*Mrs. Bridget Hondzinski*

***Looking Ahead:***

**September 11**

Patriot Day  
Picture Day  
6pm School Advisory at North Campus

**September 12**

9:15am PTG at South Campus

**September 15**

10am Opening Mass at St. Andrew  
ALL students report to North Campus.  
Dismissal is immediately after Mass. No buses home.

**September 18**

Professional Development - No school for students

***Announcements:***

South Campus parents: The NJHS chapter will again honor the 2,977 lives lost on 9/11/01. In addition to the American flags in the car loop island at the South campus, we are collecting your loose change to donate to the 9/11 Never Forget Fund in New York City. Please drop off your spare change (bills accepted of course but not necessary!) on **Monday, Sept. 11, 2023**. We will have collection containers in the rotunda and students collecting near the parking lot. The Never Forget Fund supports students, educators, and professional communities with webinars, library and school visits, professional development programs, and mental health care for the families of victims of that day. Our goal is to raise \$200, and we hope you can help! THANK YOU!



**Chromebooks for Sale!** Used Lenovo 300e classroom Chromebooks are still available in a limited supply (approximately 70). Devices with charges, in “as-is” condition are **\$25 cash only**. Devices will continue to be available through September unless we sell out sooner. No holds are honored and payment is due on receipt. Contact Anne Losh at [losh.anne@holyfam.org](mailto:losh.anne@holyfam.org) to purchase or

# Campus Ministry



## Our Attitudes and this Sunday's Gospel

Do you read the Readings for Mass prior to attending Mass? Doing so can help you wonder what Jesus is saying to you directly. Our HFRS Intercessory Prayer group does this, and ponders what Jesus is saying to us, related to our school. According to St. Matthew (18:15-20) ...

*Jesus said to his disciples, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.*

Hmmm, take it to the person whom you have the conflict with, not others...if you take it to others, it probably turns more in to gossip. If there is something that someone has done to you, or something *you think* someone has done to you, do you take it to them? This can be hard to do...to make it easier pray first and know that you are not alone when you take your concern to someone, Jesus is with you. It is prudent to ask the Holy Spirit for the right words, *and the right delivery*, which could help support a fruitful response. The next section of the Gospel says this...

*If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the Church. If he refuses to listen even to the Church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.*

Wow! So, try again and maybe take others with you, if your first attempt to rectify the problem doesn't work...and then take the matter to the Church if that doesn't work... keep trying. But in the end, if the person doesn't respond and your relationship appears lost, then move on. Prayer is key in everything you do, so read on to ponder the last of this weekend's Gospel message.

*Amen, I say to you,  
whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,  
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.  
Again, amen, I say to you,  
if two of you agree on earth  
about anything for which they are to pray,  
it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.  
For where two or three are gathered together in my name,  
there am I in the midst of them."*

May God continue to bless you, and may you clearly see all that He is doing in your life!

Peace in Christ, Kim Myers, *Kimberly Myers*, HFRS Director of Campus Ministry



## The Virgin Mary's Birthday

We can't know for certain when was born the Mother of God, of course, but for almost 15 centuries now, Catholics have celebrated the Virgin Mary's birthday on September 8, *the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*.

### Why September 8?

If you are quick with math, you've probably already figured out that September 8 is exactly nine months after December 8—the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. That is not, as many people (including a lot of Catholics) mistakenly believe, the day on which Mary conceived Christ, but the day on which the Virgin Mary herself was conceived in the womb of her mother. (The day on which Jesus was conceived is the Annunciation of the Lord, March 25—exactly nine months before His birth on Christmas Day.)

### Why Do We Celebrate Mary's Birth?

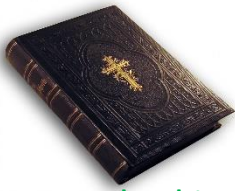
Christians normally celebrate the day on which saints died, because that is when they entered into eternal life. And indeed, Catholics and Orthodox celebrate the end of Mary's life in the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (known as the Dormition of the Theotokos in the Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Churches). But we also celebrate three birthdays, and Mary's is one of them. The other two are the births of Christ and Saint John the Baptist, and the common thread tying these feasts together is that all three—Mary, Jesus, and Saint John—were born without Original Sin.

### An Important Event in Salvation History

In earlier centuries, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated with greater fanfare; today, however, most Catholics probably don't even realize that the Church has a special feast day set aside to celebrate it. But, like the Immaculate Conception, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is an important date in our salvation history. Christ needed a mother, and Mary's conception and birth, therefore, are events without which Christ's own birth would have been impossible.

It's no surprise, then, that the Christians of the second century A.D. recorded the details of Mary's birth in such documents as the Protoevangelium of James and the Gospel of the Nativity of Mary. While neither document bears the authority of Scripture, they provide us with everything that we know about the life of Mary before the Annunciation, including the names of Saint Mary's parents, Saint Joachim and Saint Anna (or Anne). It's a good example of Tradition, which complements (while never contradicting) Scripture.

*Richert, Scott P. "When Is the Virgin Mary's Birthday?" Learn Religions, Apr. 5, 2023, [learnreligions.com/when-is-the-virgin-marys-birthday-542440](https://www.learnreligions.com/when-is-the-virgin-marys-birthday-542440).*



# First HFRS Holy Mass



We are looking forward to celebrating the beginning of this wonderful new year at Holy Mass together

**Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 10am at St. Andrew Church.**

**Here are some things you should know:**

- St. Andrew will still hold their 9am daily Mass in the church
  - We will be invited to enter the church *when that Mass ends*
- Children wear their school uniform
  - Mass uniform for Middle School
- Children should be dropped off at North Campus at their normal school arrival time
  - South campus students will enter the school and be directed to a North campus Buddy classroom.
- The church pews will mostly be filled with children/students
  - Adults are welcome to find seats in the balcony
  - Seats along the back wall will be reserved for elderly and special needs
- You must keep all aisle ways clear
- Please keep food and drinks out of the church
- Silence your cell phone
- Participate in the Mass
- Pick up begins after the Sending Forth Song and the priest has processed down the aisle...keep the aisle open for Fr. Brian!
- You will pick up your child from the pew and check in with their teacher
- If you choose not to attend the Mass, the doors will not open for you to enter the church until after Mass is over.

KEEPING OUR PROMISE  
**TO PROTECT**  
Child and Youth Protection



## **Protecting God's Children Workshops (for all who have not attended)**

### **Online Option (Register at [virtus.org](https://virtus.org) as First Time Registrant)**

- August 24 at 1:00 pm
- August 30 at 5:30 pm
- September 5 at 5:30 pm

### **In-person: (Register at [virtus.org](https://virtus.org) as First Time Registrant)**

- August 23 at 6:00 pm – St. Patrick, White Lake
- August 26 at 9:00 am – St. John Vianney, Shelby Twp.

## **Recertification Process**

As the AOD Office of Child and Youth Protection will rely on the Virtus platform for their communication needs, all users should ensure their account information in the Virtus platform is accurate. Individuals can update their information by logging into their accounts at [virtus.org](https://virtus.org)

Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Child and Youth Protection at [protectchildren@aod.org](mailto:protectchildren@aod.org) or 313-237-5826.



# Prayer Button

**We Believe** in the power of prayer and want to pray for all the intentions of our HFRS family.

On the Home Page of our website you will see a **Prayer Intention Button**. You are encouraged to submit your prayer request.

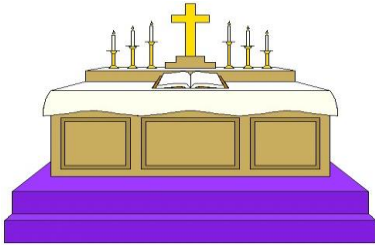
Our HFRS Prayer Team will pray for your intentions weekly and all prayer intentions will be placed at the foot of the Altar to be prayed over during our School Masses.

Your request will remain confidential, and you may submit as many intentions as you would like.

If you are feeling called to join the HFRS Prayer team who prays for these intentions, please let me know!

[Myers.kimberly@holyfam.org](mailto:Myers.kimberly@holyfam.org)





# Altar Server Trainings



**North Campus (3<sup>rd</sup> Graders) Monday, September 9, 2023, 6:30pm-7:30pm St. Andrew Church**

**South Campus (4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders) Training at St. Mary of the Hills, to be announced soon!**

What a blessing it is to help assist at the Altar. If your child is interested in Serving at our school Masses here is what you need to know:

- Altar Servers must be Baptized, have celebrated their First Holy Communion, and actively practicing the Catholic Faith
- Altar Servers must also Serve at their home parish
  - Our parishes are seeking Altar Servers
- South Campus students must attend an upcoming training offered at St. Mary of the Hills
  - Watch for the date to come soon!
  - There are new things to learn, so all who have Served in the past still must attend
- North Campus *Third Grade* students will have a refresher training by Miss Martha Ball the day before Mass
  - Sign Up Genius was sent to all third grade families!

*Loving Father, creator of the universe, you  
call your people to worship,  
to be with you and with one another at Mass.*

*I thank you for having called me to  
assist others in their prayer to you.*

*May I be worthy of the trust placed in me and through my example and  
service bring others closer to you. I ask this in the name  
of Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen*



# PTG Connection

Connecting Parents, Teachers and Students



**Quick Links**

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

**Next PTG Membership Meeting**

9/12 - 9:15 am - South Campus

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## Hangin' in the Mitten

Hope everyone had a restful Labor Day weekend, *even though it literally felt like the inside of a steamy oven mitt*. Now that things are cooled off, we can jump back in where we left off...

### Fall Flower Sale

Aug 30th-Sept 13th

*The end is looming...*the end of the MUM sale that is. *Don't get spooked!* **Get your MUMS.** *Before it's too late.* You have five days. You can do it. Catalogs and [ordering instructions](#) were sent home last week. Volunteers are needed for pick up on Monday, Sept 25th. Check back next week for the link!

## Fall Festival

Sat, Sept 23rd

Have you ordered your [Fall Festival wristbands\\*](#) yet? They cover all activities *and look great with any outfit.*

What could be better than hanging with your HFRS pals while your kids run amuck on the South Campus lawn? Not much...but volunteering comes close. [Sign up here to work the festival.](#)

\*Wristbands are required for entry.

## Co-Chair Orientation

Wed, Sept 6th

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual Co-Chair meeting this week. We have amazing committees in place this year. We can't wait to see what you do!

## Trunk or Treat

Fri, Oct 20th

Save the date for a SPOOKtacular event! The annual HFRS Trunk or Treat is back and you won't want to miss it. Start planning those trunks. More info to come...

## Event Dates!

Looking for them? Head to our [PTG Events page](#) and start marking your calendars.

*Pro Tip: This link can always be found on the top right column of this newsletter.*

\*Dates are tentative and subject to change.

## PTG Executive Board

### Presidents:

Lauren Kochenderfer

Kristen Baradihi

### Vice Presidents:

Christina Scollin

Chelsea George

### Secretary:

Christina Matway

### Treasurer:

Dena Premo

## Join the PTG Board!

Our PTG Executive Board is looking for a Vice President and Secretary to join our team. Ideal candidates are assertive, organized and have strong leadership skills. *Software savvy?* Always a plus! [Contact us](#) to request an application.

## Retail Fundraisers

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

All year, we participate in retail fundraisers that benefit HFRS. These are easy ways to contribute. By simply continuing to shop as normal, but attaching a link or scanning the top of a box. Click on the links above for more info!

*Sound interesting to you? We are currently*

**looking for 2 co-chairs to run these programs.**

*"Teamwork makes the DREAM work."*



HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL'S



FALL FESTIVAL

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Saturday, September 23

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

SOUTH CAMPUS

2633 JOHN R RD - ROCHESTER HILLS, MI 48307

**WRISTBAND INCLUDES ALL ACTIVITIES!**

\$18 PRESALE (UNTIL SEPT. 19) / \$20 AT DOOR

*(Wristbands required for entry. Ages 2 & under are free.)*

CARNIVAL GAMES - PRIZES - FACEPAINTING

LIVE MUSIC - DONUT EATING CONTEST

ENTERTAINMENT - BALLOON TWISTERS & MORE!

**BRING CASH FOR FOOD / DESSERT TRUCKS / BEER TENT**

BUY WRISTBANDS HERE

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP HERE

[Questions? susanleroy9@gmail.com](mailto:susanleroy9@gmail.com)



# MUMKINS! & MUMSTERS

PLUS OUR HAIR CLUB FOR MUMKINS



We are excited to bring you a NEW Fall Mum Sale this year.

Introducing MUMKINS and MUMSTERS by Foertmeyer and Sons Greenhouses. In addition to the above Mumkins and Mumsters, traditional potted mums are also available in 5 colors.

Mumkin sales will begin on Wednesday, August 30 and run through Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Students will bring a flyer home with online ordering instructions. As always, a portion of each sale will go back to the Holy Family Regional School PTG.

Mumkin pickup will take place on Monday, September 25.

Questions may be directed to [wilson.megan@holyfam.org](mailto:wilson.megan@holyfam.org).



HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL

JESUS CHRIST IS THE REASON FOR OUR SCHOOL



# IT'S GAME TIME



## WILDCATS VS. EVERYONE

### ATHLETIC EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

## SOCCER

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th (HOME)

12:30pm - Boys JV vs. St. Hugo

1:45pm - Boys V vs. St. Hugo

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th

4:30pm - Girls JV @ Shrine

5:00pm - Girls V @ St. Joan of Arc

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

4:30pm - Girls V @ St. Isaac Jogues

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th

4:30 pm - Boys JV @ Shrine

6:15 pm - Boys V @ Shrine

## CROSS

## COUNTRY

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

HFRS Home Jamboree

@ Stoney Creek Metro Park

Baypoint Beach

JV - 9:00am Start

Varsity - 9:30am Start

## FOOTBALL

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

8th: 10:30am vs. NOC @ Everest HS

6th: 12:30pm vs. NOC @ Everest HS

4th: 4:00pm vs. NOC @ Everest HS

7th: 4:15pm vs. OL Sorrows @ Farmington HS

5th: 6:15pm vs. OL Sorrows @ Farmington HS

## VOLLEYBALL

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

Varsity 1 @ Everest - 9:00am

Varsity 2 @ Marist #3 - 10:00am

Varsity 3 @ OL Refuge #3 - 9:00am

JV 1 @ Everest #1 - 10:15am

JV 3 @ St. Joe LO #2 - 12:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

Varsity 1 @ OLQM #1 - 8:00pm

Varsity 3 @ St. Paul #3 - 7:30pm

Varsity 2 @ OLQM #2 - 6:45pm

JV 1 @ OLQM #1 - 5:45pm

JV 2 @ OLQM #2 - 4:45pm

# GO WILDCATS!!







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



**WILDCATS VS. EVERYONE**

## ***ATHLETIC EVENTS FOR THE WEEK***

### **WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION**

**September 16th - September 30th**

**Late Period: October 1st - October  
6th \*Fee Incurred\***

**Offering Basketball (5-8),  
Bowling (4-8) & Cheer (5-8)**

**(Link will be live at 12:00am Saturday, 9/16)**

### **BASKETBALL ASSESSMENTS:**

**5/6 Boys & Girls:  
Monday, 11/6 & Tuesday, 11/7**

**7/8 Boys & Girls: Wednesday, 11/8,  
Thursday, 11/9 & Friday, 11/10**

**\*Times TBA**

**\*If the athlete is unable to attend  
assessment days they will be placed  
on a team with open slots. No refunds  
if you do not like team placement.**

## **VOLUNTEER SIGN - UP**

**Volunteer opportunities have been added for ALL Fall sports. Re-  
minder: 2 hours (or one shift) per students athlete during their sea-  
son is required.**

**[Fall Sports Volunteer Link](#)**







# The **5** Love Languages

Want to improve your relationship with your partner? Would you like to improve your communication? Would you like to get "closer" to your partner? Come join us at St Mary of the Hills to learn the 5 love languages of your partner. This session is for married couples, engaged couples, or dating couples.

**When:** 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, and 10/19

**Time:** 6:30-8:30 PM

**Cost:** \$50 per couple (Dinner for couples).

Pay via cash or check (payable to St. Mary of the Hills) and drop off or mail to the parish office (by 9-17).

(Memo mentioning 5 love languages)

Babysitting is available at no additional cost. Please register how many children you will be needing the babysitting facility for.

Babysitting will be done by trained staff.



walking with purpose

# WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

***It's the more you've  
been longing for...***

**TUE 9/19**

Special event at St. John's Resort in Plymouth with  
Lisa Brenninkmeyer, founder of Walking with Purpose

**TUE 9/26**

Two new Bible studies begin

**1**

## **Opening Your Heart: *The Starting Point***

Dive into the core questions we need to wrestle  
with to experience all God has for us



**2**

## **Discovering Our Dignity: *Women of the Bible***

Use the past to connect our "present" in a tender,  
honest, and loving way, with ancient wisdom & insights

**Registration  
Now Open!**



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A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24

# Season of Creation Sept. 1 – Oct. 4



## Join the Family of Parishes

**Harvest Lunch & Prayer Service**  
**Sat. September 9 1:00 - 3:00 PM**  
**Abiding Presence Lutheran Church**  
**Rochester Hills RSVP by Sept. 6**



[FOP Laudato Si`: Season of Creation Lunch and Prayer! \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)