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Is it possible that we are trading summer's heat, humidity and smell of the ocean, for November's cool temperatures, dancing leaves and smell of pumpkin? As important as the summer is for our rejuvenation, the autumn has a value all its own. On *All Saints Day*, we recall all of those who strove to live lives grounded in holiness. *All Soul's Day* sets the tone for the rest of November when we make a special effort to stay connected with our deceased loved ones. And then there is what we will celebrate this week, *Thanksgiving Day!* If there is a National Holiday that comes close to being a National Holy Day, *Thanksgiving is it!* All of us know that the spirit of this holiday originated with the Pilgrims and Native Americans shortly after they arrived in the New World.

This was celebrated spontaneously for two centuries, until 1893 when President Abraham Lincoln officially declared it a National Holiday. At the risk of being simplistic, it took 3 basic things to bring this about:

- (1) The horrendous carnage of the Battle of Gettysburg where tens of thousands of Americans inflicted over 50,000 casualties on each other. The Northern forces lost 28% of their army; the Southern forces lost 38% of their army;
- (2) The close call of almost losing the Union; and
- (3) The religious faith of President Lincoln to recognize, that as a Nation, we need to stop and reflect on all that God has given us, both as a Nation and as individuals.

Over the centuries, many traditions have been added to this celebration; however, two have never been lost; gathering as a family around food and drink, and gathering with those of our spiritual family to give *thanks* to God for his blessings to us as individuals, to our loved ones and to our Country.

As we begin this week of *Thanksgiving*, I encourage you to make time to reflect on all that you have in your life (your health, your safety, your Faith, your loved ones). Thank God for those

blessings. Ask Him to help you have the courage to be as generous to others as He has been generous to you.

#GIVING TUESDAY™



Our students are counting on you! Save the Date - November 30, 2021

In honor of Giving Tuesday, support our commitment to providing an excellent, catholic education in a safe and enriching environment.

Make your fully tax-deductible gift to
Holy Cross Academy on Giving Tuesday.

Can't wait? Make your gift today.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hcra2022>



Cardboard Arcades was a HUGE Success at HCA

On Monday, November 22nd, Holy Cross Academy's 7th Grade Class sponsored the annual Cardboard Arcade Games to raise money for a Catholic charity. Mrs. Gallo, Student Council Advisor, has been instrumental in organizing this event every year.

The idea for the arcade originated with a young boy named Caine from Los Angeles, California at the age of 9. Cain's father had a lot of boxes and Caine began to create a variety of different games. He then created a *Fun Pass* so that both children and adults could play as many games as they wished. Anyone playing could receive prizes. Holy Cross Academy's 7th graders adopted this unique fundraiser for the entire school body to participate in with fun prizes given out.

For additional information regarding Caine's Cardboard Arcades, please go on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=falFNkdq96U>.



(Left: the Keegan Family and Schiano Family and on the right: The Trocchio Family)



(Left: The Furlong Family and on the right: The Cumbo Family)



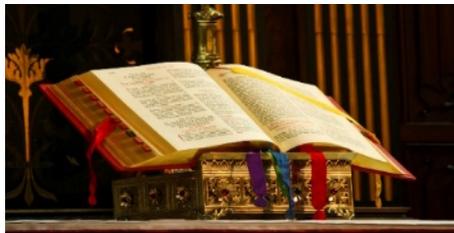
Mr. and Mrs. Nolan and Olivia Nolan



Mr. Sweeney and Luke Sweeney

The graphic consists of a small calendar icon with the word 'Calendar' at the top, showing dates from 13 to 24. Below the calendar, the word 'UPCOMING' is written in white on a black rectangular background. Underneath that, the word 'EVENTS' is written in large, bold, blue capital letters.

- November 25th: *Thanksgiving Day* – No school
- November 26th: *Thanksgiving Break* – No school
- November 29th: *Return back to school*
- Tuesday, November 30th: *Giving Tuesday*
- Sunday, December 5th: 5:00 p.m. Mass for Confirmation Candidates and Families
- Friday, December 10th: *Christmas Bazaar*
- Saturday, December 11th: *Pub Crawl*
- Tuesday, December 21st: *Christmas Concert* at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 22nd: *Noon Dismissal*



Our morning 9:00 a.m. Masses for November and December are as follows:

- Monday, November 29th: Grade 7.2 with confessions
- Wednesday, December 1st: Grade 8.1 with confessions
- Thursday, December 2nd: Grade 8.2 with confessions
- Friday, December 3rd: Grade 7.1 with confessions
- Wednesday, December 8th: School-wide Mass for the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*
- Thursday, December 9th: Grade 3 with confessions
- Friday, December 10th: Grade 4 with confessions
- Wednesday, December 15th: 6.1 Mass with confessions
- Thursday, December 16th: 6.2 Mass with confessions
- Friday, December 17th: Grade 7.1
- Monday, December 20th: Grade 7.2

You are always invited to join your child's class for Mass if you are able. Please note that the Mass schedules are subject to change based on funerals or special events.

Fr. Manning's Classroom Visits

- Monday, November 29th: Grade 3 at 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 1st: Grade 7.2 at 12:40 p.m. & Grade 7.1 at 1:00 p.m. (Room 204)
- Monday, December 6th: Grade 4 at 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 8th: Grade 7.2 at 12:40 p.m. & Grade 7.1 at 1:00 p.m. (Room 204)
- Monday, December 13th: Grade 5 at 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 15th: Grade 7.2 at 12:40 p.m. & Grade 7.1 at 1:00 p.m. (Room 204)
- Monday, December 20th: Grade 6.1 at 10:15 a.m.

~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ~

- Wednesday, December 22nd: Grade 5 at 10:25 a.m. and Grade 3 at 11:40 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 22nd: Grade 2 at 11:15 a.m. and Grade 4 at 10:30 a.m.



Prayer Reflection

If the only prayer you say in your life is "thank you" that would suffice.

-Meister Eckhart

Teachers Anecdotes

10 Reasons Why English Is Weird

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove in to the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.

God Bless,

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