



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## WHAT'S IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE?

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Head of Schools

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Last month, I was given a book called *The Holy See's Teaching on Catholic Schools* by Archbishop J. Michael Miller. The book was written in 2006, but a number of its messages are still pertinent today. I would like to give you a few of the book's highlights from the opening chapters, and how it connects with the upcoming elections.

First, the book highlights some worrisome statistics about Catholic Education. The peak of Catholic Education in the United States was in 1965 when 5.5 million students were enrolled in Catholic elementary and high schools. In 2004, that number was 1.78 million students.

This is despite the fact that the Catholic population and the population in the US grew rapidly during this time. According to current statistics, there are 1.69 million students for the 2023-2024 school year in Catholic schools. Of course, the main question is why? Why have the numbers dropped? What has prevented more students from attending Catholic schools?

The book poses a few reasons for this drop. First, the author points out the dramatic drop in the number of women and men entering religious vocations. In 1965, there were 180,000 religious sisters in the U.S. Today there are fewer than 42,000, with many of these being over 70 years of age. This is important for two main reasons. 1) Due to the cost of hiring laypersons as teachers and administrators, the cost of Catholic Education has risen dramatically. 2) While lay administrators and teachers can be amazing Catholic individuals, this is not built into a requirement for employment. Catholic schools need to make sure they maintain a true Catholic identity in everything they do and represent. As the author puts it, "(The Church) must have schools that are recognizably Catholic."

The author expands on the rising cost of Catholic Education by diving into the partnership between parents and Catholic schools. Archbishop Miller speaks of the importance of keeping Catholic education affordable and open to all parents yearning for this option for their children. He speaks in depth about how many countries around the world assist with subsidizing Catholic Education. This includes Australia, Canada, England, Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Spain and Scotland. The United States, with countries such as Mexico, Italy, China, Cuba, and North Korea are the exceptions in withholding assistance.

Archbishop Miller states, "To advocate for some kind of government funding for Catholic education, as long as no unacceptable strings are attached, is the responsibility not just of parents of school-age children, but of all Catholics in their pursuit of justice. Too often Catholic Americans fail to appreciate that they have a right to subsidies for their school because these institutions provide a service to society. In no way would such assistance compromise the constitutional separation of Church and State. Rather, it guarantees the fundamental right of parents to choose a school for their children."

This topic is extremely important and pertinent as the citizens of Kentucky will vote on School Choice in November. The ability to not only maintain but to grow Catholic Education in the state of Kentucky is in your hands and the hands of all the voters. I ask that you prayerfully consider voting in favor of Amendment 2, which will increase the options for parents and students in Kentucky and lead to greater funding for our Catholic schools. While Holy Trinity itself may not immediately feel the full impact of this vote, a lot of schools within our Archdiocese will be given a lifeline as a result.

Jack Richards  
Head of Schools

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

### **Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Sat. : 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am  
11:00 am

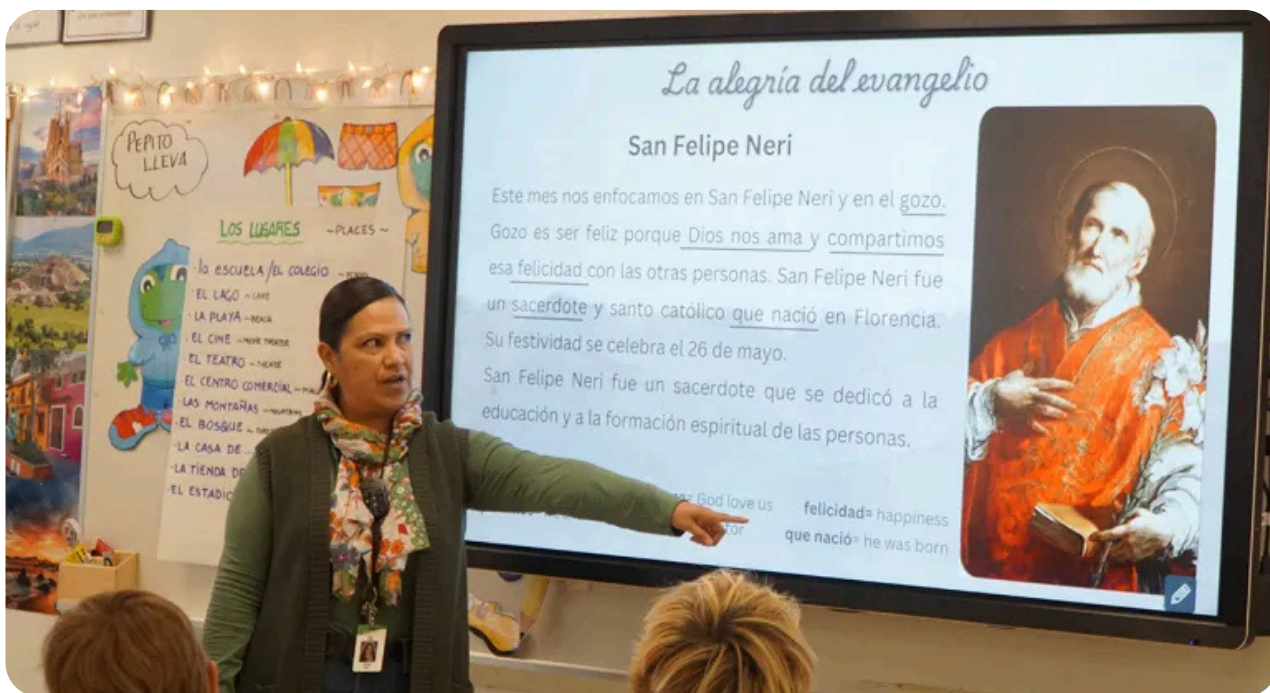
Confession:  
Every Sat. : 3:30-4:30 pm

### **Parish Bulletin**

### **Vision Statement of Holy Trinity Catholic School**

To be a school of excellence that encompasses the whole child by modeling Jesus through our Catholic teachings, commitment to academics, service to the community, and devotion as life-long servants of God.

# Celebrating the Joy of the Gospel



This month, as we reflect on the virtue of **joyfulness and St. Philip Neri**, patron saint of joy, we're reminded of how joy shines through the dedication of teachers like **Claudia Alfaro**, our 7th and 8th grade Spanish teacher at Holy Trinity Catholic School.

Recently named the **2024 Outstanding Spanish Teacher of the Year** by the Kentucky Chapter of the AATSP and KWLA, Mrs. Alfaro's passion for faith and language is inspiring. From teaching prayers in Spanish to sharing Hispanic Catholic traditions, her lessons are more than words—they're bridges of culture and faith.

Her joy in teaching, just like St. Philip Neri's contagious joy, is felt in every class as she connects her students to both language and faith!

**Read more from the featured story at [The Record Newspaper](#).**

## IMPORTANT DATES

Please see the school calendar at the button below for the most up-to-date information regarding upcoming meetings and events.

CALENDAR

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Good Luck Quick Recall Teams

Good luck to our 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Quick Recall teams. They are beginning their tournament this week. Go Eagles!

## Halloween Sucker Sales

Student Council will be selling Halloween suckers beginning October 21st at both campuses. All suckers are \$1 each. The money raised helps pay for Derby Fun treats and activities on Thurby. At St. Matthews, students can buy them in the Gathering Space from 7:30 - 7:50 each morning. (Be sure to come early to get in line.) At Clifton, students can buy them during lunch. We will sell until we sell out, which usually happens in just a few days, so remember to shop early! Flavors include Orange, Lemon Lime, Sour Apple, Sour Mandarin, Sour Cherry, and Strawberry.

## No All-School Mass on Wednesday, October 30th

Due to the All School Mass on Friday, November 1st for the Feast of All Saints, there will be no All School Mass on Wednesday, October 30th.

## Halloween Spirit Day

Thursday, October 31st is a Halloween Spirit Day. Students may wear orange/black tops with long jeans, Resource Day pants/shorts, or uniform pants/shorts.

# Picture Day

Picture Day is Friday, October 25th. Ordering is done online (before and after Picture Day) at [inter-state.com/order](https://inter-state.com/order) using order code 86940GB. You can pay online with your electronic check, debit card, credit card, PayPal, Apple Pay or Google Pay.

Picture Day is a Non-uniform Day. Below is an excerpt from the Parent/Student Handbook regarding Dress for Non-uniform Days and School Picture Day.

"On special occasions, students will be given a Non-uniform Day. On those days, students may ONLY wear:

- Long jeans, resource day sweatpants - (joggers and track pants)
- If shorts are worn, they must be their resource day or uniform shorts.
- Shirts must have sleeves. No tank-tops/spaghetti straps should be worn.
- Shoes must have closed backs and closed toes. No cleats, boots, crocs, clogs, mules, roller skate shoes, moccasins, slippers, sandals or flip flops are permitted.
- All items must be neat and clean.
- Clothing must not be torn/ripped, be too revealing, or have inappropriate messages.
- On Picture Day, girls may wear dresses for their pictures. They may not wear spaghetti strap dresses. The Administration will make the final decision as to the appropriateness of dress items."

# PTA NEWS

## EduKit

Thank you to the families who purchased an EduKit this summer. Your purchase helped us raise \$3,700 for our PTA! Our PTA fundraisers raise funds to be used towards spoiling our amazing teachers and field day fun!

A special thank you to Charlotte Van Himbergen for organizing this fundraiser for our schools! We appreciate her hard work and dedication!

## Trivia Night

Get your tickets now for our annual Trivia Night. This is always a fun event that sells out every year. Food trucks, social hour, and table decorating begin at 6 pm. Trivia starts at 8 pm sharp!

The theme this year is TV Shows, Movies, & Music Videos. Need help forming a table? No problem!

Want to sponsor a table, contact [Mwiller@ht-school.org](mailto:Mwiller@ht-school.org).

[GET YOUR TICKETS!](#)

## Art to Remember

It's not too late to order your student's Art To Remember items in time for the Holidays! Late orders are due 10/23! Order yours now at <https://arttoremember.com/school/U4WXZU>

For questions, please contact Michelle Frisbie [michcarr16@yahoo.com](mailto:michcarr16@yahoo.com)

# STUDENT ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

## Athletics

**BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS** - Sign-ups are now open for basketball, grades 1-8. Please sign up ASAP. Sign-ups will close in the next two weeks.

Sign up at <https://gameday.loucsaa.net>

**ARCHERY SIGN-UPS** - Sign-ups are now open for Archery.

The Archery season will begin in a few weeks so please sign up ASAP.

Sign up at <https://gameday.loucsaa.net>

**HOLY TRINITY MEN'S LEAGUE:** Sign-ups are now open for the Holy Trinity men's basketball league. The league is entering its 40th year and is open to parishioners 30 years old and older. Games include refs and scorekeepers and are on Sunday nights at 7:00, 8:00, and 9:00 beginning in December and ending in March. Teams are evenly divided. If interested in joining email [holytrinitymbb@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitymbb@gmail.com).

**HOLY TRINITY SWAG:** Remember, you can always get Holy Trinity 'gear' at our BSN site. Check it out here:

<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/kentucky/louisville/holy-trinity-catholic-school>

## Parish News

### Change to Safe Environment Training

The previously scheduled Safe Environment Training at St. Margaret Mary on November 5th has been moved to St. Albert the Great on Monday, November 11th.