

WHAT'S IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE?

A Message from Chris Allison Director of Faith Formation

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The anticipation and joy of watching our students prepare for and receive the sacraments for the first time is truly moving. Reflecting on these moments, I'm reminded of the "taste testing" we do in preparation for their First Eucharist. This year, during practice, one child blurted out, "Eww! Why do adults drink that?!"—a moment of pure, honest innocence. Last year when practicing, I raised the host to a student and said, "The Body of Christ." He hesitated, then nervously responded, "I do." How sweet and endearing! I couldn't help but smile and reply, "I think we just got married!"

This year, I've been spending time each week with our preschool students in the Atrium, introducing them to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Many of our preschoolers have older siblings in second grade who were preparing for their First Eucharist. During their retreat, the second graders were introduced to one of the CGS lessons, The Model Altar. Each child received a mini altar set to take home, complete with an Altar, Altar Cloth, Crucifix, Chalice, Paten, and Altar Candles, allowing them to continue the work at home. Meanwhile, our Pre-K students have been practicing setting up the Model Altar in the Atrium this year. After the retreat, several of them excitedly shared that their older siblings had brought home the model altars, and they had the chance to teach them how to work with the material. What a beautiful example of faith being passed down—from a Pre-K student to an older sibling!

As parents, we are also called to share our faith within our families. One simple yet profound way to do this is through prayer. Research from Our Sunday Visitor indicates that only 17% of Catholic parents who pray individually also engage in family prayer, and just 14% of families pray together before meals. This highlights a tremendous opportunity to strengthen both familial bonds and faith by incorporating regular prayer into daily life.

Take a moment now—pause, take a deep breath, and reflect on how you share your faith as a family. What is one new thing you can commit to doing together to deepen this connection? Allow God's grace to work in your home and in your hearts.

As always, our faith formation team is here to support you on your faith journey. Any of us would be delighted to hear from you and offer our help in any way we can!

P.S. Scroll down to the parish news portion to sign up your Pre-K-5th graders for VBS this summer!

Chris Allison
Director of Faith Formation

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

CALENDAR

Spring MAP Testing

Spring MAP testing will occur in April. We ask that you plan accordingly and not plan any trips, appointments, etc., during these dates. Please be sure your child arrives at school on time, is well-rested, and has a good breakfast. If your child is in 6th-8th grade, please ensure their iPad/Chromebook is fully charged.

K-2nd will take MAP Growth Reading and MAP Growth Math.

3rd-7th will take MAP Growth Reading, Language Usage, and MAP Growth Math.

8th will take MAP Growth Reading, Language Usage, Science and MAP Growth Algebra I.

MAP Testing Dates

K: 4/15, 4/16

1st: 4/23, 4/25

2nd: 4/25, 4/29

3rd: 4/10, 4/15, 4/22

4th: 4/10, 4/15, 4/22

5th: 4/10, 4/14, 4/28

6th: 4/11, 4/16, 4/25

7th: 4/15, 4/16, 4/24, 4/29 8th: 4/15, 4/16, 4/24, 4/29

7th Grade Flower Sale

If you would like to purchase flowers and support our 7th Grade fundraiser for their 8th Grade Washington, DC trip, click <u>here</u> for the order form. Please return all order forms and payment to the School Office by Monday, April 14th.

Look for the Flower Sale table in the Gathering Space after Mass on Saturday 4/5 and Sunday 4/6 also at the Fish Fry on 4/11.

Questions? Michelle <u>Frisbie-michcarr16@yahoo.com</u> or Andrea Frey <u>andreafrey872@gmail.com</u>

Festival of Arts

This year's Festival of the Arts will be held at the Clifton Campus on April 24th from 6:00-8:00 pm. If you would like to help set up the Art Fair at the Clifton Campus on Tuesday April 22nd starting at 2:30pm, please email Carey Given (cgiven@ht-school.org) or Aerie Meredith (ameredith@ht-school.org).

Used Uniform Sale

Student Council will once again host our used uniform sale on Wednesday, May 29 from 9-11 am in the cafeteria at St Matthews Campus. Donations of uniforms for Student Council to sell will be accepted at both campuses' school office the last week of school or brought to the St Matthews campus only on Tuesday, May 28 by 9am. All money raised supports our annual Derby treat expenses for the whole school at both campuses (Kona Ice this year). Any donated spirit wear is available for free at the sale and then again at New Student Orientation in August. Thanks in advance for donating uniform items and shopping our sale! Questions and suggestions can be directed to Mrs. Davenport.

Rice Bowl Check-In

Has your family kept up with the Rice Bowl calendar? How are you praying for those who receive assistance through CRS- Catholic Relief Services around the world? If you're able, are you donating financially to the Rice Bowl to continue the work of CRS in Kentucky, as well as internationally? Rice Bowl donations for CRS will be collected as students walk into church for our Holy Thursday prayer service, simply dropped in baskets at the doors as they enter, if your family participates. Donations can be made on our parish website under Give Now and 2nd Collections, as well as returned in the Rice Bowl. While we'd appreciate families counting their cash/coin donations and sending in a check for the total amount, cash and coin donations will be accepted. Thanks in advance for your family's support.

Celebrating Service Efforts

At the March 26 school Mass, we recognized and celebrated all of the service efforts our school families and students have done this year, as part of our call for Catholic Social Teaching.

Three times a year, each of our grade levels from both campuses host a drive or do a hands-on project to support grade-level specific community partners. This year, we've collected over 7,500 items and more than \$500 in cash donations to support their needs. At Mass, our parish celebrated the work they do in our Louisville community by presenting each non-profit organization with an additional \$250 check. Thank you, Nazareth Home Clifton, Animal Care Society, Schuhmann Center, Fr. Jack Jones Food Pantry, Sister Visitor Center, Golden Arrow, Parish Seniors, Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services, Dare to Care, and St. Vincent DePaul for allowing us to partner with you.

In addition, we want to acknowledge and thank our student leadership groups of KYA, KUNA, Student Council, the Green Committee, and our Rice Bowl Committee, who organize and lead other drives and service projects, ensuring we have a project a month to Pray, Study, Serve.

Great work, Eagles, and thank you!



Student Activity Applications Open This Week

Calling all current grades 5-7 students! It's time to start considering what activities you want to do next year and get signed up. Student Council, Y Club for KYA and KUNA mock-government conferences, and Quick Recall signups all open this week and are due by Thursday, April 17. Applications will be posted to myHTCS homeroom and parent pages, as well as emailed to parents.

Student Council and Y Club begin meeting in April/May to host elections and prepare for optional summer projects, while Quick Recall won't start practices until the first week of school in August.

Coaches and volunteers to lead all the various teams are necessary. If you're interested, whether your child/grandchild may be participating on a team or not, we'd love to have you involved. Connect with Mrs. Davenport at adavenport@ht-school.org to learn more.

PTA NEWS

Eagle Soirée

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our 2025 Eagle Soirée. Thanks to your generosity, the event was a tremendous success, and we were able to raise a grand total of \$281,000. Of the total raised that night, the \$56,000 from the 'raise the paddle' will be combined with the \$41,982.18 Father Shayne Duvall raised from our generous parishioners, faculty, and staff for a grand total of \$97,982.18 that will go directly to families in our community that need financial aid. The remaining funds raised from the event will go to offset the expenses of the school. What a gift to our community, and so thankful for the belief in a Catholic Education. None of this would be possible without our generous community. We would like to thank our Eagle Soirée co-chairs, Sasha Bjork-Mayer and Allie Schaber, whose leadership brought us such a successful and memorable evening.

Handicapping with Jody Demling

We have some spots left with our 'Handicapping with Jody Demling' on April 27th from 4-6 at Saint's Sky Bar. Tickets are \$50 and will include appetizers and there will be a cash bar. Jody will hold a handicapping seminar focused on the Kentucky Derby, Oaks and other big races on Derby Weekend! Bring yourself or bring some friends. Email Molly Willer if you are interested, Mwiller@ht-school.org

PARISH NEWS

Vacation Bible School

Holy Trinity Vacation Bible School registration is open. The Great Journey will take place June 9-13 2025 9 a.m.- noon. Cost is \$50 per child for incoming PreK-5th grades. Register here: bit.ly/4hSz4xc