

# Holy Cross Lutheran School - News For You

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*"With God All Things Are Possible"*

## Day of Joy

<sup>25</sup> "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. <sup>26</sup> Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Luke 21:25-28

The day broke bright and clear on much of the world that first Sunday in December 1941. But for many people that day will always be remembered as a day of thick darkness. For on that day the Japanese delivered their surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

One American seaman who watched the Japanese bombs and torpedoes send geysers of flame skyward exclaimed, "I didn't even know they were sore at us!" Yet he should have known. For some time American forces had been alerted that a Japanese attack was coming. The only questions were when and where.

For many people, the coming of Jesus to judgment will be a day of thick darkness. When the wicked hear their sentence, they may exclaim, "We didn't even know God was angry with us." But they should know. The Bible says: "God is angry with the wicked every day." (Psalm 7:11)

Yet God also says: "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezekiel 33:11). God wants Jesus' coming to judgment to be a day of great joy for all people. This is why long ago God sent His Son into our world. Jesus' special assignment was to win our hearts back to God by the power of His loving sacrifice.

God wants no one to be surprised by Jesus' return to judgment. So God has made it unmistakably clear that Jesus *will* return. We do not know when, but that is unimportant. What is important is that we be ready. Through faith in Jesus our Savior, we are ready, and can look forward to Christ's marvelous return in glory with great joy and hope.



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## Christmas Programs at Holy Cross

Band, Bells, Strings, Choir: Tuesday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School: Sunday, December 13 at 10:30 a.m.

School Program: Thursday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m.

## Holy Cross Calendar Events

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
7  Girls BB practices	8  <u>Christmas Concert</u> 6:30 p.m. – HC music	9 Chapel – 8:00 a.m. Missions to India 3:30 – 4:00 I.N.F.O. Christmas Rehearsal 1:30 p.m. (pews) Girls BB practices	10  Boys BB practices School Board	11 Christmas Rehearsal 1:30 p.m. (pews)  <u>Basketball Games</u> <u>AWAY</u> at Zion Luth 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00	12 <u>Basketball Boys A</u> <u>Tournament</u> <u>AWAY</u> at Ft. Atkinson 11:40 am, 3:00 pm, 4:40 pm	13  <u>Holy Cross Sunday</u> 8:15 a.m. worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Pr.
14  Girls BB practices	15  Christmas Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. (chairs)  Boys BB practices	16 Chapel – 8:00 a.m. Missions to India Kids' Connection Christmas Rehearsal 1:30 p.m. (chairs) 3:30 – 4:00 I.N.F.O.	17 Christmas Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. (ch)  <u>Christmas Program</u> 6:30 p.m. K-8	18 Christmas Lunch 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. dismissal  <u>Basketball Games</u> <u>Home</u> vs. SJ WTown 3:30, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00	19  <u>Quarter Two ends</u> 40 days	20  <u>Holy Cross Sunday</u> 8:15 a.m. worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Bible Study 10:30 a.m. worship