

With God all Things are Possible!

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Word of God Message

The Enemy Within

¹⁰Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. ¹¹What goes into a man's mouth does not make him 'unclean,' but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him 'unclean.' "

¹²Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?"

¹³He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. ¹⁴Leave them; they are blind guides. ¹⁵If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit."

¹⁵Peter said, "Explain the parable to us."

¹⁶"Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them. ¹⁷"Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? ¹⁸But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man 'unclean.' ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. ²⁰These are what make a man 'unclean'; but eating with unwashed hands does not make him 'unclean.'" Matthew 15: 10-20

A long time ago the people of Athens built a high wall around their city to protect themselves against the enemy Spartans. With thousands of soldiers stationed along the wall, the Athenians felt quite safe.

But there was another enemy right inside the city, an enemy so small that the Athenians hadn't noticed its presence. It was the invisible germ that caused the plague, a deadly and highly contagious disease. Soon the Athenians were dying from the plague by the tens of thousands. Athens remained safe against the enemy outside the wall but was helpless against the enemy raging within.

One of the greatest dangers to us Christians is right inside us. Of course there are outside dangers to our faith that we daily encounter. Yet it does little good to protect ourselves from such outside dangers if we fail to do something about the enemy that lurks inside us.

This enemy is our sinful nature, which rebels against God and His commandments. It may tempt us to fight, lie, cheat, and steal. Above all, it tries to extinguish our faith in Jesus.

Jesus has already taken the first step to destroy our inner enemy. When we were baptized, He gave us His Holy Spirit to war against our sinful nature. As we read and hear God's Word, we permit the Holy Spirit to continue the

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Classroom News

PreK 3 - Mrs. Block

We have jumped into Fall with full force! Lately in our class we have been talking about how things change all around us as the seasons change. The leaves are turning different colors and are falling off the trees. We got to look at this first hand as we went on a leaf walk and collected various shapes and colors of leaves.

We have also been mixing paint colors at art time. The students guess before we start the mixing and then see if their guesses were right.

As the days get cooler I get the urge to cook more. In turn, our class is going to start some small cooking projects. In the kitchen we will be using many skills such as: following directions, measuring, and taking turns. I look forward to some of our yummy class projects! ✦



PreK 4 - Mrs. Schoenherr

We have a lot to report to you about the month of October! First, Tyler Griffin has a new little brother. His name is Parker. We can't wait to see him. We also will have a new classmate. Her name is Brielle Heine. She and her parents (Dan and Vanessa) are members here at Holy Cross. Welcome to all of you!

We got to see a dog do tricks. Mrs. Pape's daughter, Bethany, and her dog came to visit. Another highlight this past month was singing in church. We hope you got to hear us sing, *My God is so Great*.

We did many projects this month making fall leaves, spiders, squirrels, and pumpkins. Check them out in the hallway and our room.

Of course, our favorite events were the trip to the pumpkin patch and our costume party. November will bring Veterans night, a visit from a librarian, and

Thanksgiving. We have much to look forward to and much to be thankful for. ✦



AM Kindergarten - Mrs. Pape

We have accomplished much during the first two months of school.

In Word of God we covered creation, the fall into sin, and God's plan of salvation. We made a "This Is My Church" book in which we talked about some of the furnishings we have in our church, such as the pulpit, the altar, the windows, the organ, and the baptismal font, and why we have them. We also talked about "Good Church Manners". We spent a week learning about Martin Luther's life. Hopefully, the kindergartners will remember that October 31st is not just Halloween, but is also Reformation Day! We have just finished up our "Prayer Book" which includes morning and evening prayers, mealtime prayers, prayers for forgiveness, for missions, and for our families, to name just a few. Hopefully this book will be well-used at home. We have covered much, but there is much to do yet.

In reading readiness we have had the letterbooks Cc, Oo, Gg, Aa, Dd, and Ss. You may be wondering why they don't go A, B, C, etc. The letterbooks are arranged in an order that allows us to put letters together to read words sooner. We have already read some words, and with three more letters (l, i, t) we will be reading our first story...a short story, but a story! One step at a time!

In math we are working on the fourth chapter which is about numbers from 1 to 10. Recognizing and counting to 10 is very easy for our kindergartners, but writing them correctly takes a little more work!

I once was asked at a teacher's convention I attended, "What do you remember about school?" Do you remember that great math sheet you did, or that spelling test you took? Or, do you remember the special things you did, such as the trip you went on, or the part you played in the musical in 8th grade? The point was that the day-to-day work is important, but that children will remember the special things in which they participated, and that they have value too. With that in mind, we try to have some special activities once-in-awhile.

During the first quarter we went on our annual "Pumpkin Patch" trip. Not only did we get a

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pumpkin, but we got to see many different kinds of farm animals, learn about the operation of a modern dairy farm, and try to milk a cow. Most were successful!

When we were doing the Dd letterbook, my daughter, Bethany, brought her dog, Elliot, to school. (This was my Show 'n Tell for that week.) Ellie is a very smart dachshund mix who knows lots of tricks. Bethany had her do all her tricks, and then the kindergartners got to come up and have Elliot do a trick for them. Elliot loved it, because she got a treat each time! The best trick was when we all got to howl so Elliot would "sing". I was wondering what Miss Dashcund's class thought we were doing. (We can hear each other through the heating system.)

One last special event we had in October was singing for church for the first time this year. It can be pretty intimidating turning around up front and seeing all the people sitting in the pews no matter how much you've practiced, but they did a great job singing God's praises! We're looking forward to the Christmas service.

And in conclusion...**GO PACKERS!** ♣

PM Kindergarten - Mrs. Schoenherr

October is an exciting month for us. The pumpkin patch is a highlight for us and for the Preschoolers as well. After we went to the farm to learn about different animals and pick a pumpkin, we came back to school and wrote a journal about our trip. Everyone had a favorite experience. Most of us like a particular animal we got to pet or feed, from cats, to cows, to turkeys.

We learned in Spanish how to ask you for your name and also how to say: "how are you?" We also learned how to answer those questions. Their favorite answer is "asi, asi". Ask a PM Kindergartner what that means!

Fall has kept us busy in Science. We discussed leaves and trees, owls, spiders, pumpkins, and apples. Many times we predict what



we think we will learn then end it with writing a journal on what we actually find out. The best project we did was to go on a leaf walk and then graph how many different color of leaves we found.

There were many fun books to read this month, but our favorites were, Bats at the Library and Bernstein Bears in the Dark. ♣

1st Grade - Mrs. Marozick

During the month of October, we have made eight class books that the children take turns sharing with their parents and families. We have gone from only illustrations to writing complete sentences that describe our pictures complete with the capital letter and the correct end punctuation.

In *ChristLight* we are learning of the life of Martin Luther, the great Reformer. We have learned about the vow he made to become a monk, the great guilt he felt because he could not do enough to pay for his sins, the Bible that he found chained the table in library, his discovery of the truth that salvation is a free gift from God because He already paid for our sins, how Luther nailed the 95 thesis to the Castle church door in Wittenberg, his fight with the Catholic church about the truth of Scripture, and his translation of the Bible into German. We are thankful that he discovered the truth about salvation.



In Math we have finished working on our math fact families. We are beginning our work on data, charts, and a variety of diagrams.

In Spanish we have learned our colors, greetings for various times of the day, the correct address for adults and children, numbers to ten, and the names for various classroom items such as the calendar, desk, pencil, and paper.

In Science we are learning about plants. We have made construction paper models of plants. We planted our own radishes. It will be fun to watch them grow.

In Social Studies we are working on visual dictionaries that teach us about different land forms. We are also working with partners to learn the

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characteristics of towns and cities.

We are memorizing all of the songs for our Veterans' Day program. It's great fun to sing all of the Armed Forces songs. We have learned two verses to the *Star Spangled Banner*, *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, and *I Vow To Thee my Country*. It will be an honor to share these with the many veterans in our congregation at the Veterans' Day program on November 11.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather as we approach the coming of Thanksgiving! ✦

2nd Grade - Miss Dashcund

Three Famous Men

Columbus

During the month of October we studied the history and life of Christopher Columbus. The study centered around the trade book Christopher Columbus by Stephen Krensky. To begin the study we had to get out a world map and find Italy, Portugal, Spain, the Atlantic Ocean, Asia, and the islands off Florida.

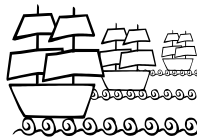
Next we went through his life and read his biography. I loved watching them work on their individual dioramas to commemorate Columbus' first voyage on the Santa Maria. The dioramas are amazing!

Then we read a play in rhyme to the First Grade about the life of Columbus. We had practiced, all spoke up and did well, and the first graders applauded!

Finally we wrapped up our study by watching a short DVD of his life. Columbus, Wisconsin, now has a whole new meaning for the second graders!

Mr. Putter

Now you might ask: "Who is he?" Has he been in the news lately? Well, no. He is the main character in a series of books by the author Cynthia Rylant. We read the first book as a class to meet the character, Mr. Putter. It turns out that he is a lonely old man who has no one to share his English muffins, his tea, and his stories, An old cat from the shelter named Tabby solves all of those problems for him. The challenge for each child was to read three of his books and take an Accelerator reader quiz on the computer. Then they had to do an oral presentation



in front of the class complete with an illustration for tow more books. It's the beginning steps of public speaking.

Martin Luther

Each October we set aside a block of time to study the life of Martin Luther. The children are thrilled by the life of this man. I have them learn just a handful of German words, and then we use them to act out the morning greetings between myself as the strict German teacher entering the room and the "kinder" (children) who rise and formally greet me back. Their biggest thrill was to be able to greet the principal as "Herr Schubkegel". After reviewing his life through flannel graph and story, each child completed a timeline of Luther's life. These projects are hanging in the lower hall of the school.

Studying these three famous men helped us to learn some world and church history, realized how important relationships are, locate major countries and oceans on a map, create a timeline, give an oral presentation, make a diorama, and speak just a few words of a foreign language. That's how education across the curriculum works. ✦

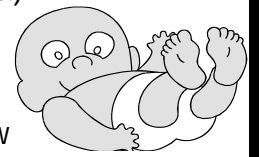
3rd Grade - Mrs. Cleven

All of my math classes in grades five through eight are staying on schedule at this time. My problem is keeping track of which class I'm teaching what concept! With five math classes I sometimes confuse myself. The students are usually kind enough to correct me when I make mistakes.

Third graders have had quite the interesting month! Tim took a trip to South Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana. He saw the Crazy Horse Monument, Mount Rushmore, Devil's Tower, and a baby rattlesnake in Wyoming.

Brevin went to Florida with his family. He really liked the "Rock 'n Roller Coaster" at Disney's Hollywood Studios and "Soarin" at Epcot. (I also recommend Soarin' if you get there!)

Sophie has a new baby brother and Kira has a new cousin. His name is Parker David Griffin. Sophie really loves her new brother. Kira got to hold him in the hospital.



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Many of the children went to the roller skating party. Zach really enjoyed playing video games in the arcade. Rachel had the misfortune to fall and break her leg. Everyone is very sad that Rachel got hurt.

Conner is had a swimming party. Since the weather is getting colder it gave the children a chance for some indoor fun.

Faith and Noah have had to miss out on some of the fun lately due to illness. Hopefully next month will be better for them! We all wish them a speedy recovery!

We've also managed to learn a few things during October. We just spent a week learning about Martin Luther. We are learning about prepositions and pronouns in language class. In math class we have mastered subtraction and will soon be learning multiplication. We'll also be working hard on learning our parts for Veteran's Day. ✦

3rd & 4th Grade - Mrs. Ibeling

Did you know that we have some "movie stars" in 4th and 5th grade? Seven students made their debut at Lakeside Lutheran High School during Warrior Welcome Day. As the students were entering the halls of Lakeside, a Lakeside teacher grabbed Mrs. Ibeling and 7 students. We were swished off to a classroom where the students were divided into small groups and were asked to do some activities. These taped activities were interspersed into a comical video which was shown at the final assembly of all visiting students. Spencer, Riley and Devon were asked to quickly write on a white board as many math problems as possible in one minute. Sam, Spencer, and Riley were asked to scream as hard and loud as they could (who would ever have asked any child to do that?) Bethany and Nichelle were asked to do a double-take and then smile. Lydia was asked to

show her biggest smile, but in the video, a sparkly diamond mysteriously appeared on a tooth as she smiled. The students enjoyed seeing themselves-if only for a second-in this video as others were laughing at all the interesting ways in which videos can be



produced.

We have finished our Martin Luther study. A film we watched did a wonderful job of depicting the terrible conditions that Luther had to work under. Seeing the poverty of the people was unbelievable. We can really never fully appreciate how God used Luther to purge the church of false doctrine. A Luther seal was completed by each student and can be found on the lunchroom wall-a part of our historical display.

Students have been giving demonstrations on how to do/make something. Some of the demonstrations that were given included: latch-hook rug, pot holders, and some challenging Lego items including Bionicles, cat's cradle, play dough, and root beer floats (we even were treated to a root beer float). This activity was part of a reading class which was showing students how to use transitional words when giving directions.

We will now be busy preparing for the Veterans' Day program and Christmas. ✦

5th & 6th Grade - Miss Krause

This month finds the 5-8th grades tackling a new type of literature- an informational text. At a conference a year ago, a Wisconsin organization was giving away books about the development of our government. I signed up Holy Cross, and we received two sets of 25 copies each, one for the upper and one for the middle grades.

The book is called We the People and so far we've



learned about our founders and the thoughts and ideas they brought with them when they gathered to discuss what would constitute a fair and workable government.

The fun part is that there are many group activities which allow the students to express their ideas. The format of the book is question and answer which makes for easy reading. On top of that, we're learning a whole new set of vocabulary which will only enhance our reading comprehension and appreciation.

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If you are interested in borrowing a copy, I do have a few extras. It's a fast read filled with great information and could become the basis for some lively family discussions. ✚

7th/8th Grades - Mr. Schubkegel

Congratulations to all of our students who have made the first quarter high honors and honor roll, and to those who worked hard and did your very best work. As you daily study and prepare your assignments, keep in mind the many blessings and talents our Lord has given each one of you. May He guide and lead us all to do our very best in whatever we do, giving all glory to God alone.

Here are a few helpful reminders and pointers for your children, gleaned from successful students and teachers alike.

- Come to school well-rested, having eaten a healthy breakfast in the morning.
- Be prepared for classes, with assignments fully completed, books, and supplies ready.
- Spend the extra time on each assignment. Work neatly, include proper headings, research answers, and fully complete all work.
- Stay involved and active in each class. Ask questions of each teacher. Listen!
- If possible, work and plan ahead in classes that allow it.
- Keep backpacks and desks clean and well-organized.
- Stay physically active, participate in school groups, and remain spiritually active in God's Word. Pray to the Lord for help, guidance, and success.

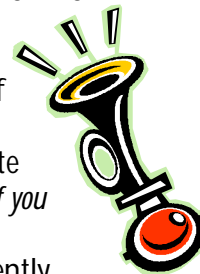
In Bible History we are currently studying Jesus earthly ministry, learning of His many miracles, His wonderful examples of love and compassion for sinner, and the many encounters with all kinds of people. At Holy Cross, we thank the Lord for also letting His Word be made known each day in our chapel services, devotions, and our daily classes. We continue to read sections

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from God's Word during a set time each day after our afternoon devotions, with the goal of reading through the entire Bible by this time next year.

Students in grades 7-8 recently completed their Patriot's Pen essays with Miss Krause, honoring our armed forces veterans. The Jr. Choir is preparing to sing at the Wisconsin Capitol building on Wednesday, November 11th, and the school is getting ready for our annual Veterans' Day program, starting at 6:30 p.m. that same evening in the gymnasium.

Our Latin scholars have been conjugating verbs in the present, imperfect, and future tenses, also learning key vocabulary words. They are finding that many of our common English words have Latin derivatives. They are doing quite well. *Sona si Latine loqueris. (Honk if you speak Latin).*



Our physical education classes recently finished Frisbee golf and are now halfway through our lacrosse season. It's pretty much a new sport for everyone, and a very active one. Their wicket and hand-eye coordination skills are improving nicely, with relatively few nicks and bruises and only one dent to my car.

Even though we've had a few touches of sickness so far this year, we have had good attendance records, thanks to the great cleaning of custodian Abraham and frequent hand washings. With plenty of rest, exercise, soap and water, good eating, prayer, and the Lord's continued blessings, we'll get through these next few months in healthy shape.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His mercy endures forever! ✚

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battle against our evil self. And the Spirit forms a new self in us, which is really Christ living in us!

Our sinful hearts still succeed in leading us into sin. But we can be thankful that the Spirit also brings us Christ's forgiveness. And because our victorious Lord lives in us, we can be sure that the final victory will be ours. St. Paul put it this way: "Who on earth can set me free from the clutches of my own sinful nature? I thank God there is a way our through Jesus Christ, our Lord." (Romans 7: 24-25) ✚

School Board Update

School Board did not officially meet during the month of October. Instead much was accomplished via email.

The board meets every third Thursday at 6:30.

PTO

PTO is our **P**arent **T**eacher **O**rganization at Holy Cross. They met on Tuesday, October 27th. Some of the items discussed in recent meetings include:

- Wreath orders are due by November 18th.
- Mr. Schubkegel found a *Pennies for Patients* program (monies collected go to help children diagnosed with leukemia and other cancers of the blood) that we will do as a service project this year. This will replace asking for donations for the Elizabeth House.
- Fall Harvest was cancelled due to weather.
- More parent volunteers are needed for Friday lunchroom supervision.
- Voted to purchase "ScripWare" for the upcoming school year. It has more capabilities to help us with processing scrip than we currently have with the free program - which will also expire next summer.

PTO meets the **last** Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. **All** parents are encourage to come and attend at least one meeting each school year, you do not need to serve on a specific committee to participate. ✦

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Final News and Notes

1. Wreaths are available for purchase from the PTO for \$18.00 each. Proceeds will again go towards the purchase of books and/or Accelerated Reader quizzes for the school library.
2. Basketball practices start this month, check the calendar in the News for You for individual team times!
3. BoxTops4Education is ongoing throughout the year. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents for our school. Since the school started participating in the program, we have earned \$6,573. Last year we earned \$840. We have already collected over \$400 this year! Look for Box Tops on your groceries, clip them, and deposit them in the drawer under the coat rack in the church narthex. Every little bit helps to earn cash for our school.
4. School dismisses at 11:30am on Wednesday, November 25th. There is no school (and No ASC) on Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

1st Quarter Honor Roll

Honors: 3.6 – 3.0

Grades 3-8 High Honors: 4.0 – 3.7

Grade	Student	Recognition	Grade	Student	Recognition
6 th	Kateryn Bromley	Honors	8 th	Andrew Natvig	Honors
4 th	Samantha Crary-Meadows	High Honors	7 th	Joel O'Donnell	Honors
4 th	Star Darrington	Honors	6 th	Jonathan Olah	Honors
4 th	Carl Daun	Honors	6 th	Arabelle Orvick	Honors
4 th	Jacob Daun	Honors	4 th	Faith Patten	Honors
4 th	Lucas DePrey	High Honors	3 rd	Tim Patten	High Honors
3 rd	Sophia Griffin	High Honors	4 th	Devon Perkins	High Honors
6 th	Isaac Gulrud	Honors	7 th	Adam Poyner	High Honors
8 th	Kurt Halleen	Honors	3 rd	Rachel Poyner	High Honors
4 th	Lydia Hecht	High Honors	4 th	Cole Prior	Honors
7 th	Rachel Hoel	High Honors	6 th	Trey Prior	High Honors
7 th	Sydney Hoel	High Honors	3 rd	Conner Radtke-Tate	Honors
6 th	Aaron Jackson	Honors	7 th	J.T. Ruffin	Honors
3 rd	Brevin Jegerlehner	High Honors	4 th	Marlon Ruffin	Honors
6 th	Brittni Jegerlehner	High Honors	4 th	Kailey Schoenherr	Honors
8 th	Caitlin Keller	Honors	8 th	Mariah Schoenherr	High Honors
6 th	Emma Krszjaniek	High Honors	7 th	Jennifer Schubkegel	High Honors
7 th	Kiana Krszjaniek	High Honors	8 th	Levi Schubkegel	High Honors
7 th	Jared Larson	Honors	3 rd	Faith Scullion	Honors
5 th	Bethany Mahnke	High Honors	3 rd	Noah Scullion	High Honors
8 th	Ty Mahnke	High Honors	6 th	Graham Soetenga	High Honors
5 th	Jarrett Maier	Honors	8 th	Larissa Stulken	High Honors
7 th	Nicholas Maier	High Honors	4 th	Morgan Thiele	High Honors
6 th	Hannah Mathison	High Honors	8 th	Jalen Thomas	Honors
4 th	Jared Mathison	Honors	6 th	Myles Thomas	High Honors
5 th	Cara McElroy	Honors	5 th	Benjamin Tweit	Honors
8 th	Briana Modjeska	High Honors	3 rd	Kira Tweit	High Honors
4 th	Aaron Natvig	High Honors	3 rd	Zachary Weber	Honors