

ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

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FROM the desk of MRS. SCHWEITZER



For the 2025-2026 school year, our theme will be “Come Follow Me.” In the Gospel of John 10: 27-29, Jesus says, “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand.”

What do these words mean to us as disciples of Jesus? During this Jubilee year in our church, we are called to be “Pilgrims of Hope.” We are supposed to contribute to our Church’s mission of unity and charity. John 10: 27-29 shows that Jesus knows us inside and out; He knows everything about us, and He loves us deeply. Jesus is our “Good Shepherd”, and we are “His flock” who are called to listen to His will for us and follow Him. In order to do this, we must try to learn and understand scripture and the traditions of the Catholic church.

This school year, we will spend time focusing on the Sunday Gospel readings and what they tell us about how we, as Pilgrims of Hope, are to follow Jesus, so that when our Good Shepherd says to us, “COME FOLLOW ME”, we listen, follow, and become a more unified Church.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17: 1-9

Word of the Week: conversing

Prayer for the week: Jesus, Firstborn of All Creation (Colossians 1: 15), give us the wisdom to know God’s will in our hearts.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Anthony Catholic School accepts the responsibility, along with the parents, to educate students spiritually, morally, and academically in a safe & caring Christian atmosphere. Each individual is assured academic achievement and develops social and emotional growth while embracing the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

VISION STATEMENT

St. Anthony Catholic School’s vision is to work together as a team composed of students, parents, teachers and staff in a positive manner to build strong, spiritual children who give witness to their faith.

DRAMA CLUB - Our performance is quickly approaching! We invite ALL St. Anthony students and family members to attend our performance on Thursday March 12 at 6:00 or 7:30! More details coming soon! **ACTORS** - We will meet in school tomorrow, Tuesday Feb 24 from 2:30 - 4:00.

NEXT week we will meet Monday (3/2) AND Tuesday (3/3) in Fleming Hall from 2:30 - 4:30! Pick up will be in front of Church and School at 4:30. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Faulhaber

PICTURES FOR BASKETBALL: On Sunday, March 8th, from 1:00-3:00 PM we will have team and individual pictures taken for all of our Grade School Basketball players in grades 3-8 in the Holy Cross Gym. The team pictures will also be used in our school yearbook, so all players and Coaches are asked to please try to make it to picture day, even if they are not interested in purchasing any pictures. Suspended players are allowed to participate in the pictures. All players should arrive on picture day in uniform. Order online

at <https://ssp.myphotocart.net/Collections/884905>. Picture order forms will be available in the Gym on picture day. Prepayment is required. Completed picture order forms along with cash or checks made payable to The Sports Section or credit card should be returned to the photographer on picture day. The Head Coach of each team will be furnished with one free copy of their team picture if they are in the picture. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Feldman at tina.feldman@hchscov.com or at 859-292-0904. The Picture Schedule is as follows:

- 1:00 PM-7th grade boys basketball team-Head Coach Whitehead
- 1:10 PM-6th grade boys basketball team-Head Coach Dall
- 1:20 PM-8th grade boys basketball team-Head Coach Volpenhein
- 1:30 PM-7th & 8th grade girls basketball team-Head Coach Reinersman
- 1:40 PM-3rd & 4th grade boys basketball team-Head Coach Urlage
- 1:50 PM-5th & 6th grade boys basketball team-Head Coach Gamm
- 2:00 PM-3rd & 4th grade boys basketball team-Head Coach Gamm
- 2:10 PM-3rd & 4th grade girls basketball team-Head Coach Sharbono
- 2:20 PM-5th & 6th grade girls basketball team-Head Coach Roberts
- 2:30 PM-5th grade boys basketball team-Head Coach Duncan

NOTE: All Basketball players need to return their basketball jerseys and uniforms on picture day, immediately after their pictures. We will have a box in the gym to put them in. Please have another shirt to change into.

HOLY CROSS AGILITY TRAINING - Holy Cross is offering a no cost, general agility training for students in 5th to 8th grade on Sunday afternoons from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM in the Thomas B. Finn Activity Center at Holy Cross. For parents that are interested in learning more about the agility program, they can email Vincent Nerone: vinny.nerone@gmail.com

T-BALL SIGNUPS - Covington Bulldogs TBALL is looking for kids ages 5 to 7 that are interested in playing T-Ball. If you are interested in signing up, email Denny Hungler at dhungler@gmail.com and provide parent name, child's name, age, school and phone #. If there are any questions, feel free to contact Denny.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE NIGHT – Tuesday, March 10th is St. Anthony Night at the Texas Roadhouse location in Ft. Wright. If you dine in or carry out and mention that you are with St. Anthony School, a portion of what you spend will be donated back to our St. Anthony PTO organization. This is a great way to support our school and our PTO.

NKU MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME – ACUE Boosters have set up an ACUE School group day for NKU's men's basketball game against their rival Wright State on Saturday night, February 28th, 7:00 PM at Truist Arena on the campus of NKU. NKU blocked off 100 seats in the lower level of the arena, and can expand if we need more. Tickets are listed at a group discount of \$19 per ticket, which includes the fees with a ticket purchase. To buy tickets, click on this link: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/NKUmbb0228ACUE> and the tickets will be sent to your phone/email. For any questions about purchasing tickets and any information regarding NKU Basketball games, you can call their ticket office at 859-572-7848 or email Aaron Luken, the Director of Athletics Ticketing at lukena4@nku.edu

WITH ONE HEART CAMPAIGN - The *Disciple Maker Index* survey is now live and will be open until **March 23rd**. For the survey to provide useful information for our parish, we need as many parishioners as possible to participate! Please see the attached letter from Mrs. Schweitzer and visit [With One Heart](#)

PLANNING AHEAD:

- **TEXAS ROADHOUSE NIGHT – TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH**
- **DRAMA CLUB PERFORMANCE – THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH**
- **SCHOOL CLOSED – FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH**
- **PTO MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH @ 7PM**

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

- *Tuesday - Tacos*
- *Wednesday – Mini Corn Dogs*
- *Thursday – Chicken Nuggets*
- *Friday – Pizza Crunchers*
- *Monday – Hamburger / Cheeseburger*
- *Tuesday – Cheese or pepperoni pizza*

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **WATER BOTTLES** - *There are no water fountains available in the building. Water refilling stations are available. Each student should bring their own water bottle.*
- **DISMISSAL** – Please be sure to arrive at school to pick up your students ON TIME and in the designated area that you have been instructed to park in. Traffic tends to become a problem if cars arrive once dismissal has occurred. Students line up in the school based on the area they will be dismissed to. The bus should depart BEFORE any cars leave the parking lot. If you have questions, please contact the office.

- Makeup (including nail polish and artificial nails) is NOT to be worn in school. Students are not permitted to wear face or body make-up, but are permitted to wear fingernail polish on out of uniform days. Also, boys' hair may be no longer than to the collar, and in front, hair should not hang in the student's eyes and should be neatly trimmed and groomed. Please ensure that your children are following these handbook guidelines.
- Our diocesan school lunch program does not allow outside fast food to be brought in. Sodas/sugary drinks/sports drinks should not be in water bottles. Soft drinks/sodas should not be packed in a lunch brought from home.