

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: John 11: 1-45

Word of the Week: resurrection

Prayer for the week: Jesus, Resurrection and Life (John 11: 25), help us build the Kingdom of God on earth as in Heaven.

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.

PTO MEETING – Tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17th, PTO will hold its monthly meeting in the school library at 7PM.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RECONCILIATION – Students who have received the sacrament of Reconciliation in Grades 5-8, will have an opportunity this week to meet with Father Ivan and participate in this sacrament

CITY HALL VISIT – Students in Grades 2-4 will have the opportunity this Friday, March 20th to visit the city hall in Cincinnati. They have been learning about the government in Social Studies, so this is a chance for them to see and learn about this topic first-hand.

CLICKS & CONSEQUENCES PARENT INFO NIGHT - Please join us on Thursday March 26th from 6:30-7:30pm in the Holy Cross High School Cafeteria for the Clicks and Consequences: Navigating the Impact of Social Media on Mental Health. This parent information night will be presented by the group 1N5.

LUNCH REMINDER - Our diocesan school lunch program does not allow outside fast food to be brought in. Sodas/sugary drinks/sports drinks/carbonated soda or water should not be in water bottles. Carbonated beverages of any kind should not be packed in a lunch brought from home.

ELECTRONIC DEVICE REMINDERS – As a reminder, in accordance with the 25/26 Handbook, all toys, headsets, electronic devices, **cell phones, smart watches**, etc., are not to be visible during the school day (7:00 AM – 2:30 PM). ANY hand-held device (cell phone, hand-held games, smart watches, etc.) is not permitted to be out or visible during the school day. If a cell phone must be brought to school, it must be turned off and kept in the child's backpack.

2026-2027 SCHOOL REGISTRATION – Paperwork was sent home with students a few weeks ago requesting registration information for next school year. Please return this paperwork *as soon as possible*, even if you are undecided at this time, as we plan for the upcoming school year. Thank you!

Tuition rates for the 2026-2027 school year have been set by the Diocese and are attached to this newsletter. The link to apply for assistance is <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid> . The deadline to apply is May 15th.

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](#)

HOLY CROSS BASEBALL & SOFTBALL - 7th and 8th grade students interested in playing baseball or softball at Holy Cross should contact for softball Courtney Turner at Courtney.turner@hchscov.com or for baseball rob.wermeling@hchscov.com

PLANNING AHEAD:

- **WALKATHON – TUESDAY, MARCH 31 – More info to follow this week**
- **NO BUS – MARCH 30th, 31st, April 1st**

<p><u>WEEKLY LUNCH MENU</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Tuesday – Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza</i>• <i>Wednesday –Chili Spaghetti</i>• <i>Thursday – Chicken Tenders</i>• <i>Friday – Grilled Cheese</i>• <i>Monday – Chicken Patty Sandwich</i>• <i>Tuesday – Tacos</i> <p><u>IMPORTANT REMINDERS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>WATER BOTTLES</u> - <i>There are no water fountains available in the building. Water refilling stations are available. Each student should bring their own water bottle.</i>• <u>DISMISSAL</u> – 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.