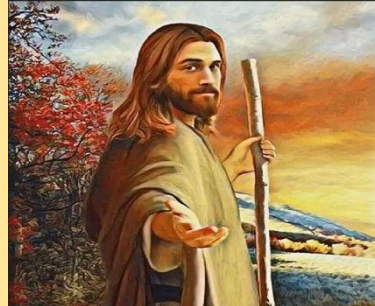


ST. ANTHONY COUGAR CONNECTION

Issue 32 – March 30, 2026

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 28: 1-10

Word of the Week: approached

Prayer for the week: Jesus, Rising Sun (Luke 1: 78), renew our hearts every day and help us grow in holiness.

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.

WALKATHON – TOMORROW, March 31st students will participate in our annual Walkathon, BUT THIS YEAR WE WILL BE TRAVELING TO HOLY CROSS'S EVA G. SPORTS COMPLEX FOR THE WALK. Holy Cross High School has generously allowed us to use their facility for our Walkathon and also provide transportation for our students to get there. We are grateful and excited to be able to do this! Students may be out of uniform for the walk. We will have normal classes in the morning and the bus will pick us up around noon to go to Eva G AFTER lunch here at school. We will walk and enjoy Kona Ice and return to school for normal dismissal. If you'd like to stop by during the Walkathon you are welcome to do so! PLEASE REMEMBER WATER BOTTLES TOMORROW!

EASTER EGG HUNT - TUESDAY April 14 - 2:30 - 4:30 - PTO is excited to host a special Easter Egg Hunt to help celebrate the Easter Season! We will have fun hunting for Easter eggs, and make a special craft to take home! **PLEASE RSVP by THIS WEDNESDAY APRIL 1 by returning the attached permission slip**, to make sure we have enough supplies.

Girls Soccer Players in Grades 6-8 - Holy Cross High School girls soccer team is looking for girls currently in grade 6th, 7th & 8th grades who are interested in playing soccer at Holy Cross High School in the upcoming 2026-27 school year. For more information please contact Coach Schaffeld at corrie.schaffeld@hchscov.com.

COUNTY BUS SERVICE – THERE WILL BE NO KENTON COUNTY BUS SERVICE THIS WEEK.

EARLY DISMISSAL – Next Wednesday, April 1st, school will dismiss at 1PM. Lunch will be served.

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED – School will be closed Holy Thursday and Good Friday next week.

School will also not be in session the week of Monday, April 6th through Friday, April 10th. This will be Spring Break. School resumes on Monday, April 13th.

CURRENT GRADE REPORTS – Tomorrow, Tuesday, March 31st, student will be bringing home progress reports in the form of a current grade report. If you have any questions about grades, feel free to reach out to teachers for more information.

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.

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

- *Tuesday – Pizza*
- *Wednesday – Crisпитos*
- *Thursday – No School*
- *Friday – No School*
- *APRIL 13th – Hamburger / Cheeseburger*

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.

