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March 27, 2026

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1 Corinthians 13:13

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Ladies NIGHT Out

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

HOLYLAND CIVIC CENTER

911 MAIN STREET • ST. CLOUD

BUFFET DINNER 5-6 PM *CATERED BY ALTONA SUPPER CLUB*

RAFFLES BEGIN AT 6 PM

$100.00 PER TICKET OR

TABLE SPONSORSHIP $600 (8 TICKETS) *ONLY 200 WILL BE SOLD*

entertainment by Brent Bel

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Holyland Catholic School provides a foundation of faith, respect, and lifelong learning through Catholic formation, academic excellence and continuous improvement.

We're growing at Holyland Catholic School—and that means new opportunities to join our amazing team!

Come for the job—stay for the mission.

Due to the continued growth of our school, we are excited to add new members to our team. These openings are the result of growth, not staff departures.

Contact Nicole Klein with any questions, nklein@holylandcatholicschool.org or 920-795-4222.

- Elementary teacher
- Music teacher (1 or 2 days a week)
- Phy. ed teacher (1 or 2 days a week)
- Science and/or math teacher for 4th-8th grade (full or part time)

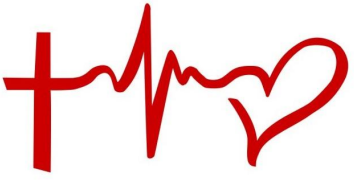


School News



Wishing you a birthday filled with God's grace and blessings!

3/4 ~ Audrey R.
3/5 ~ Everett P.
3/6 ~ Abigail H.
3/6 ~ Mrs. Steffen
3/9 ~ Bernadette S.
3/22 ~ Mrs. Burkart
3/27 ~ Charles S.
3/29 ~ Jayla F.
3/30 ~ Hailey B.



Important Dates:

April 1 - 6 ~ No School
April 15 ~ May/June Hot Lunch Order Due
April 16 ~ 4th & 5th Gr. Woldt Farms Field Trip
April 20 ~ 4th-8th grade energy field trip
April 25 ~ First Communion Retreat at HCS @ 9:00-12:00
May 1 ~ House T-Shirt Sponsorship Due
May 1 ~ ½ Day of School - Special Person's Day & Mass at 10:00 AM
May 2 ~ First Communion at Holy Cross 4:30 PM

House T-Shirt Sponsor Form

School Wish Lists

Holyland Catholic School relies on family and community support to give our children the best possible faith-filled education. Thank you!

If you wish to help, please click on the teacher's name to see his/her wish list.
All donations need to be sent to the school office.

- Mrs. Klein, Holyland Catholic School
- Ms. Jacobs, 3K and 4K
- Ms. Lefeber-Krenn, 5K
- Mrs. Greuel, 1st Grade
- Mrs. Burkart, 2nd and 3rd Grade
- Mrs. Rammer, 4th-8th Grade Math, Science, Religion
- Mr. Zeleske, 4th-8th Grade Social Studies, ELA, Religion
- Ms. Lamb, Art and Phy. Ed.
- Ms. Sclavi, Music
- Mrs. Steffen, Library
- Mrs. Oye, Learning Support

All School Wish List ~

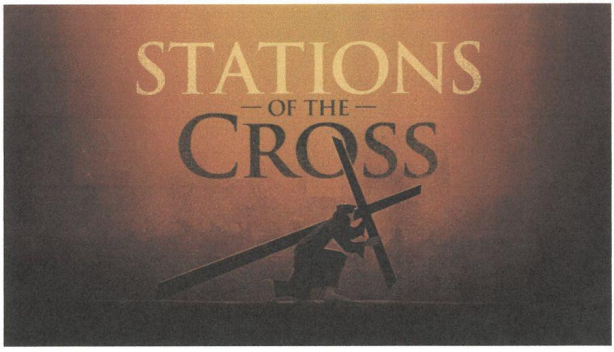
- Blinds for classrooms and office areas
- Sidewalk chalk

HOLYLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lenten Retreat

Lenten Retreat
Tuesday, March 31, 2026

In the morning…
Students will be in groups to attend the Interactive Stations of the Cross. The 3rd through 8th graders will be preparing and helping the younger students.



After lunch…



Students in first through eighth grade will watch The King of Kings movie together in the cafeteria.
The 3K through 5K will be watching Veggie Tales Easter.
All students will be receiving an Easter Story Snack.

3K and 4K News

Ms. Jacobs









4K have been finishing their Resurrection Eggs this week! We are talking a lot about the crucifixion of Jesus, and how he suffered and died for us. Some of these talks are tough and hard to understand, but we have to remember the Easter story doesn't end here! Jesus loves us, and did this for us so that we can go to heaven!





3K and 4K News

Ms. Jacobs



We have been learning about how Springtime and Easter brings new life!

We have been making bumble bees for our spring bulletin board!

Thank you for our guest readers this week: Mrs. Sabel, Mrs. Meyer, and Mrs. Greuel!









J – E – S – U – S

Easter Song to the tune of "BINGO"

Our Savior died and rose for us
And Jesus is His name, yes!
J – E – S – U – S
J – E – S – U – S
J – E – S – U – S
And Jesus is His name!



5K News

Ms. Lefeber-Krenn

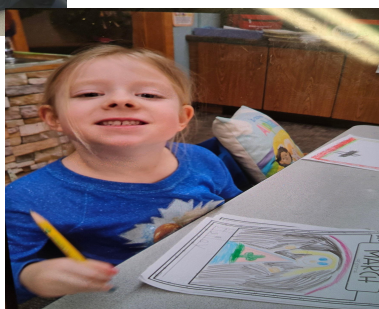
The days are going by too fast and we are learning so much! This week was spent a lot on getting our book ready to publish as it gets sent out next week and we are so excited to see it done!! We have started noticing our garden growing and the butterflies be ready for their transition to cocoons. Spring is in the air and we are enjoying being outside with just our coats!











5K News

Ms. Lefeber-Krenn

This week Jacob, Anna, and Audrey brought up the gifts in church as well as the kindness hearts and did great! Veda went up to get the light that represents our light to follow Jesus. **Center time** has focused on math, phonics, and imagination play! In **Math** they are working on finding parts of a teen number and using 10's and one's.









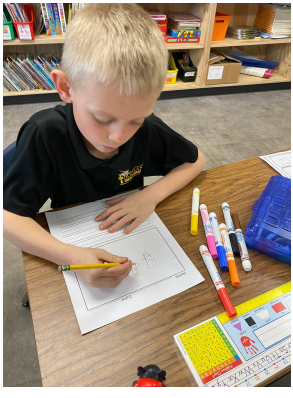


1st Grade News

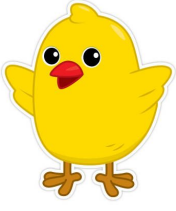
Mrs. Greuel

ELA: We are working hard on our personal narrative stories. Each person chose an event from their life and is using first, next, then and last to tell their story.



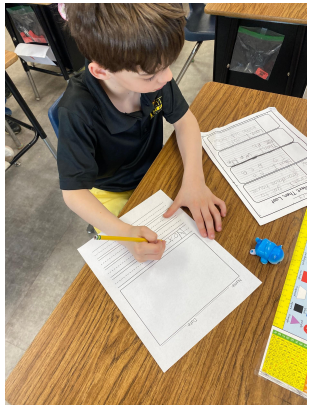






Math: They did very well on the unit 10 test. We are moving on to subtracting tens and ones.

Everyone is continuing to take good care of their chicks. During silent reading time, they have been making sure to read to them.



1st Grade News

Mrs. Greuel

Religion: We have been reviewing the timeline of the events in the Holy week leading up to Easter.





At Mass, Sister Jenada encouraged us to let the light of Christ shine through our acts of kindness in school.



Social Studies: We made timelines of events in our lives from the time we were born, to being in 1st grade!

2nd Grade News

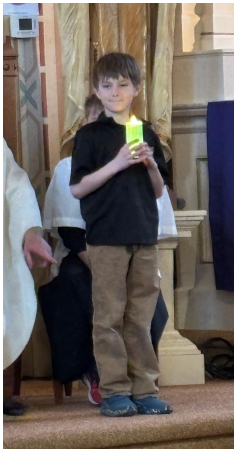
Mrs. Oye





2nd Grade sang at Mass this week.
They did a beautiful job!



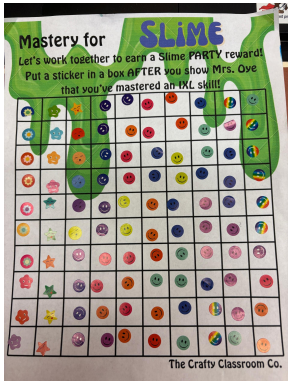


This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine

Wesley was the class representative to receive our candle from Sr. Jenada.



Students use our Mass song books to follow along during the Rosary before Mass.

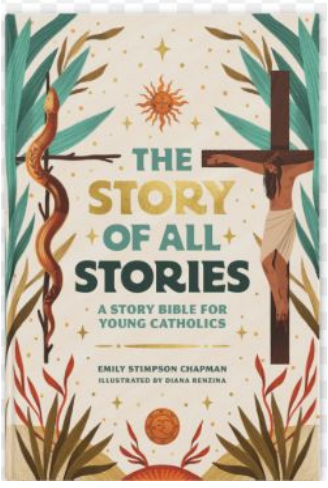


The students worked hard and Mastered 100 IXL skills to earn a slime making party. It will be on Monday 3/30.

2nd & 3rd Grade News

Mrs. Burkart

Religion:
3rd Grade students continue to enjoy *reading aloud The Story Of All Stories (A Story Bible)*



Religion: In preparation of Holy Week, our 3rd Grade students created their own Resurrection Garden. This is a simple way to see and touch Jesus' death and resurrection. Their gardens show Jesus' tomb empty with the stone moved away. Then on Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead, bringing new life.









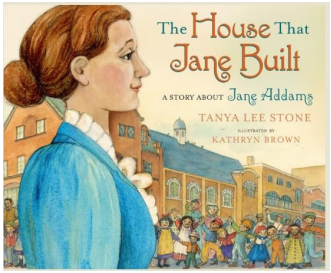


The Garden: flower pot is the empty tomb, large stone is that which was rolled away from the tomb, crosses are on Calvary Hill, and the moss is new life after Jesus died.

2nd & 3rd Grade News

Mrs. Burkart

ELA: 3rd Grade Students just started a chapter on "Events" in their My View Literature textbook.
The first story was *The House That Jane Built*

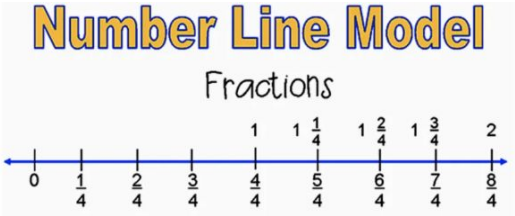


Jane Addams is no stranger to the 3rd Grade students because they were already introduced to her amazing work and contributions - in Social Studies.

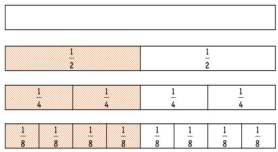
The story begins with a question ...

Why would a wealthy young woman forsake a life of privilege and pour her resources and herself into opening a home for Chicago's newest immigrant arrivals?

Math: 3rd Grade students are well into their chapter on fractions. Presently they are working with fractions on a number line - recognizing fractions less than 1, and those greater than 1.



IXL skills are also introducing students to finding equivalent fractions.



$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{4}{8}$$

SHOUT OUTS to all the parents who prepared a wonderful meal for the teachers during Parent Teacher Conferences.



2nd & 3rd Grade News

Mrs. Burkart

March 22, 2026

WORLD WATER DAY

Our 2nd and 3rd Grade Students observed World Water Day by recognizing that there is a real essential need for water throughout the world. They have learned that the average American uses between 80-100 gallons of water per day. Yet people in other parts of the world experience severe water crisis.

World Water Day 2026 focused on Water and Gender. In many parts of the world, water is scarce, dirty, and contaminated with pollutants. As a result, approximately one million people die every year due to unsafe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene. Children are especially impacted by this crisis. In addition,women are denied an education or work. Girls starting at a very young age are expected to walk miles to collect their families' daily water.

What can we do?

We can pray for more equitable water resources. Resources that provide clean, healthy sustainable water throughout the world. We can appreciate and be thankful for the convenient water resources that we have, and perhaps that which we take for granted. We can take measures to reduce water usage when washing dishes, using the toilet, taking showers or baths, watering plants, doing laundry, washing the car etc.

Students simulated a Water Walk…
many finding it difficult as well as unfair based on gender. They reflected on their experiences and on the slideshow linked below. Both provided challenges and difficulties that children of their age have experienced over the need for water.

World Water Day 2026

2nd & 3rd Grade News

Mrs. Burkart

March 22, 2026

WORLD WATER DAY

The 2nd and 3rd Grade students observed this day by participating in our own Water Walk. Pictures have been digitally enhanced to simulate conditions that children in other parts of the world must walk through just to reach water.

















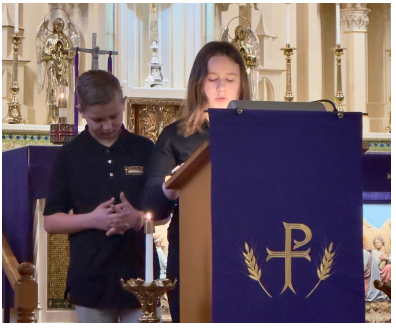


4th-8th Grade News

Mrs. Rammer

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord





















4th-8th Grade News

Mrs. Rammer

Shining the Light of Christ













At our Mass on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, Sr. Jenada encouraged us to let the light of Christ shine through us by acts of goodness and kindness. She later spoke to grades 4-8 about the raising of Lazarus from the dead.

Thank you for sharing the light of Christ with us, Sr. Jenada!

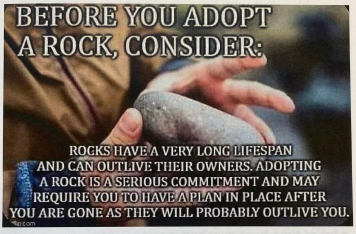


4th-8th Grade News

Mrs. Rammer

A.M. Gratton 2026

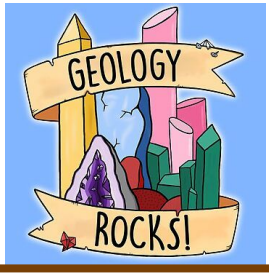
ROCKHOUNDING



- STORE your rocks in a safe place – a bag or box.
- LABEL them - so they don't get thrown out!

The Rules of Rock Collecting

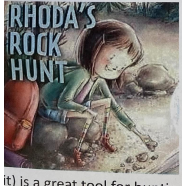
- Get permission to hunt on private property (this includes businesses and parking lots).
- Know the local rules.
  In Wisconsin, hobbyist rock collecting is permitted on most public lands for personal use, and is limited to 5 pounds per day and up to 50 pounds per year. Collecting is prohibited in state parks, state trails, and scientific areas, while federal lands require checking with specific land managers. In Michigan, you can collect rocks, minerals, and invertebrate fossils from state-owned lands, including Great Lakes bottomlands, with a maximum limit of 25 pounds per person per year. Collecting is allowed on public beaches and most municipal parks, but it is illegal to remove rocks from national parks, and national lakeshores (like Sleeping Bear or Pictured Rocks).



Thank you, Mrs. Gratton, for sharing your knowledge and your amazing rock collection with us!

The Hunt

Be safe - Be aware of your surroundings as you'll spend a lot of time bent over and looking DOWN. Don't rock hunt alone.



Bring a sturdy container or bag for carrying your rocks. You can only fit so many in your pockets!

Dry rocks don't show their true color or designs. A spray bottle (with water in it) is a great tool for hunting rocks.



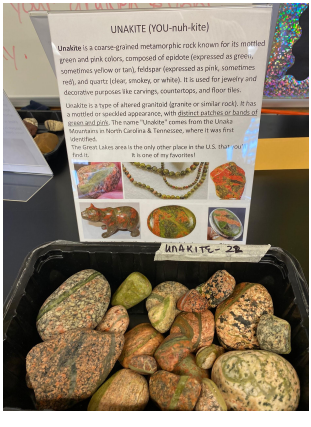














4th-8th Grade News

Mrs. Rammer

At a beach - Bring tools for scooping: a bathyscope for viewing in the water (a bucket with a clear bottom), sunscreen, water shoes, a sunhat, drinking water, snacks, etc. If you are a non-swimmer, wear a life jacket.

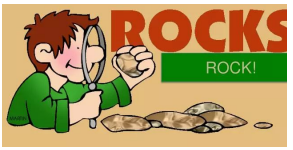
Clean your rocks

Soak your rocks in warm water and gently scrub with an old toothbrush. Lime (calcium) deposits around fossils can be removed by soaking in vinegar (ask your parents first). Vinegar is a weak acid and will bubble if there is lime present. This can be a lengthy process. You will also need to neutralize the vinegar by soaking the rock in baking soda and water afterwards.

Most rocks look better when they are polished or wet. Rock tumblers are available, but tumbling takes lots of time and a good tumbler can be expensive. You'll also need to purchase several grades of grits.

To give your rocks a "wet" look without polishing, you can brush on a clear coating. I use a stone sealant called Black Diamond Color Enhancer (low gloss) . You can use a clear acrylic spray but keep these treated rocks out of direct sunlight so the coating does not yellow. Mod Podge is also an option, but it is not waterproof.

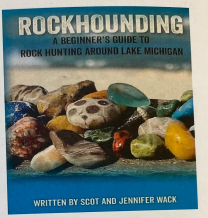
You can also keep your rocks in water in a sealed plastic jar with a few drops of bleach to prevent algal growth.





Identifying Your Rocks

You might just collect rocks because you think they are pretty. That's OK! But it's fun to learn where your rocks came from, how they were formed, what minerals they are made of, etc. There are lots of great books and information sites on the internet. You can keep a journal of where you found your rocks. You can right the name of the place where you found a rock on the bottom of it with a paint pen.



Rocks Live a Long Time

If you decide that you no longer want to be a rock owner, please don't just throw your rocks in the trash. You can offer them to another Rockhound, put them in your garden, or return them to the woods or a lake.



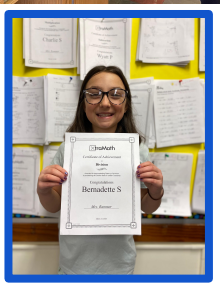












Congratulations to Bernadette for ROCKIN' her division facts in 6 seconds!

4th-8th Grade News

Mr. Zeleske

Social Studies: The elementary students spent the week learning about the Constitutional Convention, the Great Compromise, and the 3/5ths Compromise. The older students learned about the modern history of Australia and the Pacific islands. We talked about Ferdinand Magellan, Captain Cook, and Britain's colonization of the area!





Here, students make a list of rules that apply to our whole school and a list that apply just to specific classrooms. We used this to start a discussion on the federal system, in which the state and national governments are in charge of making different decisions.

4th-8th Grade News

Mr. Zeleske

Religion: This week, our lessons revolved around two new Beatitudes: Blessed are the merciful and blessed are the peacemakers. We talked about what each Beatitude means, saints that demonstrated that virtue, and talked about how we can put those Beatitudes into practice in our world today!

ELA: The 4th and 5th graders finished reading the biography they were reading. Then we used this story to work on a few different skills, such as prefixes, main ideas, inference, and conjunctions. The middle schoolers finished up their unit on pronouns this week. Now they are working on their 5 paragraph persuasive essays! This is the culmination of their persuasive writing unit this quarter. The students get to argue whatever they want. Some of the topics that they chose to write about were the death penalty, arguing against AI,

4th-8th Grade News

Mr. Zeleske

A big thank you to the Breuer family, who brought in their newborn piglets for the whole school to see!











Four Houses, One Family

Friday, March 27, 2026

Parents,

Again this year, Houses will participate in our **Lenten Project, "The $50 Challenge".** Each of the Houses has received $50 to be used to support a non-profit charitable organization. In addition, with the support of Salchert Meats, students will have the to grow their initial $50 by selling chicken pot pie vouchers. **For every chicken pot pie sold, $3.00 will be donated to the students' House.** Funds will not be equally distributed to the Houses. Instead, each House will receive funds based on the number of pie vouchers their members sell. It is not a competition, just a fundraiser that will benefit the four organizations that our students are supporting. Thank you Salchert Meats for supporting our efforts.

Salchert's Chicken Pot Pie Voucher Sale

Beginning on Friday, March 13 and concluding on Monday, March 30 students will sell vouchers for the purchase of delicious chicken pot pies from Salchert Meats in St. Cloud.

Cost per pot pie is - $20.00. Payment must be made when ordering voucher(s).

Vouchers purchased can be used at any time.

Checks can be made out to Holyland Catholic School

Questions can be directed to Mrs. Burkart at tburkart@holylandcatholicschool.org

LAST DAY IS MONDAY, MARCH 30

Thank you for supporting our efforts!



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