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The Real Presence



Fr. Rick Courier

The Eucharist is at the heart of our Catholic education. God brings Jesus, God made flesh, into the center of our ordinary life at school. Holy Name Catholic School is privileged to be able to celebrate Mass every week, as well as spend time with Him throughout the week in the chapel.

As our Diocese prepares for a Eucharistic revival this summer, I thought it would be an excellent opportunity to review the Church's teaching on the Eucharist.

The Church teaches that in the Eucharist, the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ is really, truly and substantially present under the appearance of bread and wine. Jesus is not present in the host and chalice in a physical manner, but in a sacramental manner. That is, He is sacramentally present. He is actually present. This may be difficult to grasp and understand completely but don't despair. That is where our faith comes in, for we cannot possibly understand this in a natural way. The presence of Christ in the Eucharist is brought about by the special divine power of God.

The Eucharist is the food that fully restores, truly nourishes, completely satisfies ... not the body but the heart, not the flesh but the soul, not the stomach but the mind.

To humanity, which needs spiritual nourishment, our Savior provides food to feed the soul, a food more powerful and nobler than any food of this world. There is no food in the world that can satisfy what only the Eucharist can.

But more is present here in the Eucharist. Present too, is His self-offering to the Father. From the beginning of time people have offered sacrifices to God. The idea behind those sacrifices was to establish unity between man and God and forgiveness of sins.

All these sacrifices, however, shared a common flaw. They involved giving to God who is all holy, things that are tainted by the sins of humanity. The only perfect sacrifice ever offered to God took place on Calvary. There Jesus offered His sinless life to His heavenly Father.

Jesus' self-offering achieved what all previous sacrifices attempted but failed to achieve: the forgiveness of sins and unity with God. Jesus' sacrifice is a unique past event. As such, it is unrepeatable. In the Eucharist it is sacramentally commemorated. The unique past becomes, through the sacramental sign, a living reality in the present. In other words, Christ is present on every Altar today just as He was on Mt. Calvary over 2000 years ago, only the manner is different.

We should look at the Eucharistic revival, not only as an opportunity to renew our appreciation of the Eucharist, but to deepen our understanding and respect for it. For that will assist us in penetrating the mystery of the most Holy Eucharist, resulting in a heightened love and reverence for the body and blood of Jesus Christ.



One Thing is Necessary Luke 10:42

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

JUNE 9-10, 2023 - Superior Dome

revival.yoopercatholic.org

Bishop Doerfler extends an invitation to everyone to join him at the Superior Dome in Marquette on Friday, June 9th and Saturday, June 10th for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress. It's an opportunity to gather with clergy, religious and laity from across the Diocese to bear witness to the real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The days will be filled with talks on the Eucharist, Mass, Adoration, and devotions.

Holy Name Graduate Laurie Bink Purpuro decided during class trip that Washington, D.C. was to be her future home

by Victoria LaFave



**Laurie Bink Purpuro,
HNCS Class of 1980**

Laurie Bink Purpuro, a 1980 graduate of Holy Name Catholic School, says it was a trip she took as a HNCS eighth grader that first inspired her to work in Washington, D.C.

Henry Seymour was Laurie's eight grade social studies teacher; little did he know, he would be a catalyst to her future career.

"Mr. Seymour was a big supporter of our class going to Washington, D.C. on a class trip. I remember that we had to raise money for the trip, so we sold light bulbs door to door," she smiled. "We took a bus to D.C.; I'm sure it took us 24 hours to get there, but we had a great time."

Inspiration from her Holy Name class trip to Washington, D.C.

"When in D.C., I remember being struck by how beautiful the city was... with the monuments and amazing architecture."

Laurie immediately felt a connection to what she had learned in her social studies class at HNCS.

"I remember not really grasping that all of the things we had learned about in social studies were happening in this city," she recalled. "I decided then that I would live in Washington, D.C. someday. Thanks to Mr. Seymour—He was an inspiration, and was so dedicated to the school and his students—and all of the parents who made that trip possible. I know it made an impact on many of us."

After Holy Name, Laurie went on to graduate from Escanaba High School in 1984. She then attended the University of Notre Dame, graduating in 1988. During her sophomore year at Notre Dame, she interned for the then-Congressman for the U.P., Bob Davis.

"It was an amazing experience and only reinforced my interest in living in D.C.," she said.

As she was about to graduate, Congressman Davis' office called her to say they had an opening in Escanaba as a caseworker, so she moved back home and worked in the Congressman's Escanaba office, helping constituents who had problems with the federal government (missing Social Security checks, IRS problems, incorrect veterans' benefits, etc.).

About six months after Laurie started working in Escanaba, Congressman Davis had an opening in Washington, D.C. for a legislative assistant, which Laurie took. "In that job I researched bills that the Congressman would have to vote on, and would try to understand how they would impact his constituents."

When Congressman Davis retired in 1992, Laurie was forced to look for a new job. For a short time, she worked for Congressman Jim Saxton from New Jersey. She then took a huge step toward her dream to work in politics.

“I decided to run for the 1994 Michigan State House election, which I narrowly lost. But even though I lost, that experience led me to a job working in the lobbying group of a law firm called Preston Gates, where some former colleagues from Bob Davis’ office worked. They welcomed me to the firm as a government affairs analyst.”

After only a few months there, Laurie got a job with Senator Spencer Abraham as a legislative assistant. She ultimately had three jobs in Senator Abraham’s office: legislative assistant, state director, for which she moved to Birmingham, MI, and deputy chief of staff.

Laurie’s career at this point—and what would come next for her—proved what is often said: when one door closes, another one opens.

Because Senator Abraham lost his election in 2000, but was appointed the Secretary of Energy under President George W. Bush, Laurie went with him to the Department of Energy (DOE), as a senior policy advisor to the Secretary.

Then, in 2007, while she was working at the DOE, she got a call from one of her old colleagues from Preston Gates, asking if she would be interested in coming back to the firm, which had merged with other firms and was now called K&L Gates.

“It was a difficult decision for me because I loved my job, but my Dad, who always gives great advice, said to take the job at K&L Gates,” Laurie smiled. “I started at K&L Gates in late January 2008, and have been there ever since. All of my experiences, including my eighth grade class trip, led me to become a lobbyist in Washington, D.C., where I get to help clients, like colleges and emerging technology businesses, navigate the legislative process.”

Laurie’s Catholic faith helps in her decision-making

Laurie finds a sense of clarity through prayer when faced with difficult decisions. Many of her colleagues at K&L Gates share her Catholic faith. “I work with a number of other Catholics, and Catholicism has brought me closer to many of them.”

She says her faith has prepared her well for the decisions she has had to make in her life.

“Like a lot of people, I find myself praying when I am nervous, faced with a difficult decision...or when I’ve made a mistake and I am hoping for minimal consequences!” she smiled. “My faith—coupled with the values I learned from my parents, Holy Name School, and from growing up in Escanaba—has given me a strong foundation that has helped me with decision-making in my work and personal life.”

While she and her husband Lawrence and twin sons, Robert and James, are home visiting family in Escanaba, they attend Mass at St. Joseph and St. Patrick’s Church, where Laurie’s father and siblings are members.

As far as her advice for those students trying to decide which career path to take, Laurie advised: “Always do your best, and find ways to help people around you, and you will succeed—it can be the smallest thing, from helping a stranger, to helping someone at work who is overwhelmed—whatever you can do to help someone else will ultimately help you too.”

For more information on Holy Name, contact the school at (906) 786-7550, visit www.holynamecrusaders.com or find Holy Name Catholic School on Facebook.

Laurie was recently named one of the 2021 and 2022 Top Lobbyists by the National Institute for Lobbying & Ethics.

Holy Name High School students learn through retreats and building community

Community-building opportunities abound at Holy Name High School—A Chesterton Academy, and students benefit greatly from them.

Students at Holy Name—both at the elementary and high school—are building community by spending time together and taking trips to learn about the world around them, and about their roles as young Catholics.



HNHS Students praying together at a donor’s house during Mackinac Retreat



HNHS Students enjoy Mackinac Retreat campfire night with Fr. Christian Flagstad



HNHS Students Taylor and Evelyn with Teacher Regina Zabinski



HNHS Students Marcel, Joseph, and Patton doing schoolwork together

One trip which was particularly fitting for the students given the school’s motto, “Cultura Vitae,” (in Latin, “Culture of Life”), was their pilgrimage in January to March for Life in Washington, D.C.

While the trip was not luxurious—the students slept four in a room, and traveled on a bus—the students had one vital mission: “We were there for an important reason—to show our support for the cause of protecting life,” Holy Name High School Headmaster Mark Surrell said.

Students are also fundraising for a future pilgrimage to Italy. Families of the students will be responsible for any expenses remaining after fundraising for the trip, which will include visits to Rome, Florence and Assisi to explore the history, heritage and magnificent traditions of Roman Catholicism. In Assisi, for example, students will follow in the footsteps of Saint Francis and Saint Clare, while learning their stories and praying at their tombs.

Building friendships through retreats

“These trips provide great opportunities for students to learn and build community,” Surrell said. “The trips are modest, but impactful in that they provide experiences for fraternity and spiritual growth.”

For example, the school hosts a fall retreat each year for students to get to know each other better. In September, they trekked to Mackinac Island seeking adventure. Students attended Mass at the historic St. Anne’s Catholic Church, took in the beauty of the lake on a bike ride of the Island, and contemplated the historic significance of the region during a tour of the fort. Their mornings and evenings were spent praying together, and after dinner they enjoyed roasting marshmallows around a campfire at lake-side accommodations provided by a donor.

Students enjoyed getting to know each other during the Mackinac Island and Washington, D.C. trips, making it easier to settle into their new school.

“At first, I really disliked the idea of going to a school that was small in numbers,” HNHS freshman Evelyn Trottier said. “When we took a school trip to Mackinac Island, it really helped us connect with the upperclassmen and even connect more with our other classmates. With the Mackinac trip and the March for Life trip, we were able to go from being strangers with our school, to being a family.”

Building cohesion among two school buildings

The school is also building community by encouraging students from both the elementary and high school to spend time together.

“We should be cultivating our youngest students for the full experience of a kindergarten through twelfth grade Catholic education,” Surrell said.

“We have something beautiful to offer all ages, but to read the greatest works of Western literature in high school—through the

lens of faith and virtue—is an unparalleled treasure.” To meet this goal, Surrell and all of the teachers are working on blending the two schools as much as possible to create more institutional cohesion.

Students also connect with each other through field trips and enjoying fun activities together. Recently, HNCS preschoolers and their teachers walked over to the high school to spend the day with the ‘big kids.’ The ‘littles’ watched them perform skits, and enjoyed lunch together.

While acting in front of an audience can be daunting, HNHS students found the preschoolers to be an accepting and lively audience; the experience was a win-win for all: High schoolers got to practice their public speaking skills, and preschoolers got to spend the day learning about high school life, while enjoying live entertainment!

HNCS eighth graders also recently visited HNHS students and competed in a ping pong tournament—the school’s aptly named First Annual Ultimate Thanksgiving Ping Pong Tournament. This event provided not only fun and friendly competition, but also important community-building.

“We want our students to be in an environment where they can spend time together having fun and getting to know each other,” Surrell said.

This visit to the high school gave eighth graders the opportunity to chat with students, ask them questions, and see firsthand what daily life is really like at the new high school.

What do HNHS parents have to say?

Parents of the students at HNHS—A Chesterton Academy are very happy with the education their children are receiving.

“The teachers hone in on the personal characteristics of each student, and really try to help them thrive,” said Mickey Trotter, mother of HNHS freshman Evelyn. “The teachers really care about the kids and their futures.”

HNHS parent Jackie Hastings agrees, and sees the high school spreading happiness among students. “One of the things I have noticed about our daughter since she began at the high school is an increased sense of joy,” she said. “She actually talks about her day and interactions at school with such positivity. Holy Name High School is definitely helping our kids grow in many more ways other than just the classical curriculum. Our kids are also able to have intelligent conversations with adults even if it is respectfully disagreeing; this is so important in our day and age.”

Holy Name High School—A Chesterton Academy, located at 2203 7th Ave. South, Escanaba, is currently offering open registration for the 2023-2024 school year. To schedule a tour or for more information, please call (906) 786-7550.



Students compete in the First Annual Ultimate Thanksgiving Ping Pong Tournament



HNHS Ping Pong Tournament with HNCS 8th graders



HNHS Students pray at St. Anne Parish



HNHS Students play football

FAQs about HNHS—A Chesterton Academy

Is there a lot of homework?

One of the most common misconceptions about Holy Name High School is that the schoolwork is extremely difficult and tedious, and that there is an excessive amount of homework.

Surrell suggested otherwise: “While some of the material can be challenging,” he said, “it’s because of the depth, rather than the breadth. We try to think deeply about some really tough questions: ‘What is a good life?’; ‘What does God want for me?’; ‘How can I be happy?’”

“At Holy Name High School, we don’t assign a lot of homework because we want our students to live their lives abundantly and have meaningful experiences outside of schoolwork,” Surrell continued. “We want them to have dinner with their families, volunteer at their parish, perform meaningful work, excel in sports, and enjoy their leisure time.”

Do students have to be Catholic?

Additionally, some think that students must be Catholic to attend HNHS, and that students at HNHS do not have the opportunity to participate in competitive sports. Surrell clarified: “Our high

school welcomes Christians of any denomination who seek a stalwart community of faith and virtue. Learning our faith is inseparable from practicing our faith, so parents should be aware that all students will participate in Mass, Theology class, spiritual retreats, and group devotionals.”

Does HNHS have sports?

“As for sports, we offer our own Track and Cross Country teams, and we’re excited to grow our athletics program as we grow as a school. In the meantime, Gladstone Public Schools have made their teams available for our students to participate. We’ve had several students use this arrangement with great results for both schools.”

HNHS—A Chesterton Academy is growing. Surrell noted that the high school welcomed two more new students this past semester. “It’s a positive indication that we are growing and the school will continue to be fruitful.” The school started in 2021 with 12 students in two grades.

Currently, HNHS has 19 students in three grades, with six preparing to graduate in 2024 in the first senior class at Holy Name High School—A Chesterton Academy.

Holy Name Takes 2nd Place in Science Olympiad

On Saturday, February 25, the Holy Name Crusaders competed at Northern Michigan University in the Division B Regional Science Olympiad Competition. Holy Name had a team of the following students: five returning 9th graders, three from 8th grade, one from 7th grade, and five 6th graders who participated for the first time.

In individual competitions, there were four 1st place medals, six 2nd place medals, and one 3rd place medal awarded. Overall, our team placed 2nd for the region and competed in the State Competition at Michigan State University on April 22 for the third year in a row!

See the Official Results Here...

<https://nmu.edu/seaborg/science-olympiad>



Pictured is the 2023 Holy Name Crusaders 2nd Place Science Olympiad team. The 14-member team of Crusaders competed on Feb. 25 at NMU and advanced to compete in the State Competition at MSU on April 22. Great Job, Crusaders!

Sweetheart Alum

Holy Name sweethearts Carolyn and Steven Andrews, friends since first grade, have advice for other married couples

by Victoria LaFave

“When people ask how my husband and I met, we always get a reaction when we tell them we’ve known each other since first grade,” Carolyn Andrews laughed.

Carolyn Niebauer and Steven Andrews both attended Holy Name through eighth grade, graduated in the same class (1999), and have kept in touch ever since—through high school, community college, and even at Central Michigan University.

Childhood friends

“We started our relationship as childhood friends,” Carolyn reminisced. “I specifically remember sitting next to Steve in fifth grade in Mrs. Salmon’s class. We were still just friends at that point.

“People are amazed that we’ve known each other since first grade, but we joke that we often know each other’s thoughts before we speak,” she smiled. “We’re on the same wavelength.”

Carolyn said they’ve remained friends throughout elementary school, but once they reached middle school, things changed—a bit.

“In seventh grade, I asked him to the Sadie Hawkins dance, to which he said yes.”

Though we only went to Sadie Hawkins together, I do remember dancing with him at other dances,” she said. “He was one of the few boys who was as tall—or taller—than me!”

While Carolyn remembers dances at Holy Name, Steven remembers the basketball games.

“I remember attending a lot of the girls’ basketball games and watching Carolyn play,” he smiled, “and she was a cheerleader for the boys’ basketball team when I played.”

They both then attended Escanaba High School, where they remained friends.

“Steve and I had several classes together at Escanaba High School, and even had similar groups of friends throughout our time at EHS,” she said. “We remained friendly through high school, but nothing more.”

Then came college, where Carolyn said they both got to know each other again.

Re-connecting in college

“We reconnected at Bay College in an algebra class. It was fun getting reacquainted—we had mutual friend groups—and we eventually started dating,” Carolyn remembered.

After two years at Bay, they both transferred to Central Michigan University, where they both graduated in 2008—Carolyn with a Bachelor’s Degree in Interior Design and Steven with a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science.

“We then moved back to Esby, and Steve ended up getting a job in Marquette,” Carolyn said. “Shortly after starting our separate careers, Steve proposed!”



**Steven and Carolyn (Niebauer) Andrews
and their son, Bauer**

The couple married in July of 2010. Soon after, Carolyn moved to Marquette to be with Steve. They moved to Petoskey in 2012, and then, Traverse City in 2013. In 2014, the couple had their son Bauer, and are still living in Traverse City today.

Utilizing his parenting and child rearing skills, Steven completed his Masters degree in social work and public health from Ferris State University in 2022, and started working as a child & family therapist with Community Mental Health. Carolyn transitioned careers from specializing in kitchen and bath design to coordinating the construction technology program at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City.

Their son Bauer is now eight years old. Continuing in the family’s Catholic school tradition, Bauer now attends Immaculate Conception Elementary School in Traverse City.

“It was really important to both of us to have a strong faith foundation for Bauer, and the Catholic schools down here

[Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools] are very vibrant with great educators, so it was an easy decision for us. Bauer really loves his school; he’s doing extremely well.”

Advice for married couples

Being married for nearly 13 years has taught them many things, with some of the most important ones being very simple though sometimes difficult to implement: “Our advice would be to always communicate with each other, even when it's hard,” Carolyn said. “And forgiveness is always worth it. We believe a strong faith is important and that a family that prays together stays together.”

Financial Review

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

REVENUE

Tuition and Fees.....	\$917,943
Tuition Assistance.....	154,822
Parish Subsidies.....	445,656
Diocesan Revenue.....	99,200
Donations and Fundraising.....	1,263,365
Rental and Investment Income.....	103,802
Other Income.....	1,049
Hot Lunch Revenue.....	172,953
Total Revenue.....	\$3,158,790

EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits.....	\$1,715,591
Instruction.....	120,759
Student Transportation and Activities.....	30,286
Administration.....	486,545
Occupancy.....	142,390
Capital Outlay.....	388,544
Hot Lunch Expenses.....	96,047
Total Expenses.....	\$2,980,162

Year End Fund Balance.....\$928,513

Total school revenues exceeded budgeted amounts, driven almost exclusively by much greater than budgeted donations and development funding activities. Revenue overall exceeded expenses, increasing the school's fund balance by \$178,628. Personnel expenses, which make up almost 70% of the annual budget, finished 5% below budget. The positive variance in personnel costs was driven by lower overall benefits costs, especially lower than expected health insurance costs. Positive performance to budget in personnel costs was critical to offset higher costs in most other expense classifications. Overall, total expenses finished more than \$320,000 over budget for the fiscal year.

Spring Fling 2023



Spring Fling 2023 HNCS Staff table



Spring Fling 2023 HNCS Office Staff and School Council President



HNHS Headmaster Mark Surrell and his wife Samantha

Spring Fling 2023 Winners

5,4,3,2,1 Raffle Winners

Niki Skerbeck
Marie Peterson
Dennis Boudreau
Sandy Sturdy
Oleda Alvey

Crusader Cash Raffle Winners

Samantha Nelson
Sally Grall
Sue Scheeneman
Dennis Allingham
John & Mary Sorby



Cans for Crusaders



Pictured is Nick Bink of Bink's Coca-Cola and Abby Derkos. Each of the recycle bins holds at least 100-150 recyclable cans or bottles; since each one is worth \$.10, each filled bin is worth \$10-\$15 that goes to the HNCS Athletic program!

Holy Name Catholic School student Abby Derkos wrote a paper for her seventh grade science class project on a way of cutting down on waste. Abby's project is entitled 'Cans for Crusaders.' Students and staff recycle cans to reduce waste, with the money raised through the returnable bottles and cans helping to fund the HNCS Athletic program. Bink's Coca-Cola donated six new recycling containers to hold the cans and bottles until they are returned to local stores. While the school has had one recycling container in the middle school wing, Abby says that the one bin was not enough to accommodate all of the cans and bottles.

"Our school has many sports events where our spectators buy drinks from our concession stand that are in recyclable containers," she said. "However, there were not enough places offered to recycle them, so people were just putting them in the trash. With this new 'Cans for Crusaders' program, we have as many recycle bins as trash cans at our athletic events, and it has really been cutting down on waste that was just ending up in the landfills. This program is an effective, profitable, and responsible way to help our environment and our school."



HNCS Grads in Top 10 of Class of 2023

Holy Name Catholic School's Class of 2019 has four top 10 academic graduates from Escanaba Area High School. Congratulations to all of the graduates! These exceptional students are:



Nick Hamlin
Class ranking: #3
Nick will attend the University of Michigan in the fall, majoring in biomedical engineering.



Grace Sviland
Class ranking: #6
Grace will attend Marquette University in the fall, majoring in criminology/psychology.



Carney Salo
Class ranking: #8
Carney will attend Northwood University in the fall, where she will double major in sports management and marketing. Carney has also committed to playing softball at Northwood.



Cierra Scott
Class ranking: #9
Cierra will attend Ferris State University in the fall, with plans to major in pre-optometry and minor in business.

Farewell from Mr. Carlson



Joe Carlson and his wife Anne with their children Joseph (16), John David (14), Tommy (12), Maria (10), Timmy (7), and Theresa (born on December 26, 2022)

Dear Crusader Friends,

When my wife and I first came to Escanaba, we had only a one-year-old, Joseph. This past year we welcomed our sixth child, Theresa. Having a newborn again after so many years is a wonderful new beginning for our family. This summer will be a new beginning for us in another way: After much prayer and discernment, I have decided that it is time for me to leave Holy Name Catholic School and pursue another opportunity closer to family.

Not only did my own family grow and change in the past 15 years that I served as Holy Name principal, but so did our school. We transitioned to a classical model, we weathered the storms of COVID, and we opened a Catholic high school—the only one in the U.P. I feel blessed to have been at the head of such a beautiful school and apostolate; God has done amazing things at this school and I know that He has more to come.

I'd like to extend my gratitude to our school pastors with whom I have worked directly and benefitted from in my own spiritual life, as well as Mark Surrell, our high school headmaster. I'd also like to thank Bishop John, Mark Salisbury, our superintendent of Catholic Schools, and the whole diocesan staff for their guidance and support.

And I'd like to thank our teachers and staff who pour their time, energy, and hearts into forming the children entrusted to their care. God bless you all and I look forward to hearing about your great successes in the future.

In Christ,
Joe

Congratulations to the Surrell Family



Headmaster Mark Surrell and his wife Samantha welcome their new son, Connor. Pictured is Mark, Samantha, and their children: Matthew (2½), William (1½), and Connor (3 months).



Pictured above and on cover: HNCS students enjoy playing on the school's new playground equipment, which was paid for by our generous donors. Thank you!



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- ECCLESIASTES 11:9

