



THE CRUSADER

NOVEMBER 25, 2025

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Calendar of Events

Wed. 11/26-Fri. 11/28 NO SCHOOL
Wed. 11/26 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Traditional Service
Sun. 11/30 8:00 AM Traditional Service
9:30AM/11:00 AM Contemporary Service
NO Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry
Mon. 12/1 K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
Tues. 12/2 K-8 Hot Lunch - Subway
7:00 PM Kindergarten Financial Aid Meeting
Wed. 12/3 K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
6:30 PM Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry
Thurs. 12/4 K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
Fri. 12/5 8:15 AM Moms of Minis Bible Study
8th Grade Hot Lunch Fundraiser-Pizza

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, November 26th through Friday,
November 28th
NO SCHOOL, SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED

5-8th Grade Christmas Fine Arts*

Friday, December 5th @ 1:30PM and Sunday, December 7th @ 3PM
*Not all 5-8 graders participate, only those who choose

Preschool 3&4 and Kindergarten Christmas
Sunday, December 14th @ 2PM and 3PM

1st-4th Grade Christmas Program
Thursday, December 18th @ 2PM & 7PM

School Christmas Programs

LOST & FOUND

Please check the table and coat rack by the office as it is overflowing and full of winter gear!

It is MUCH easier to get clothing returned to students when it has their name on a tag!

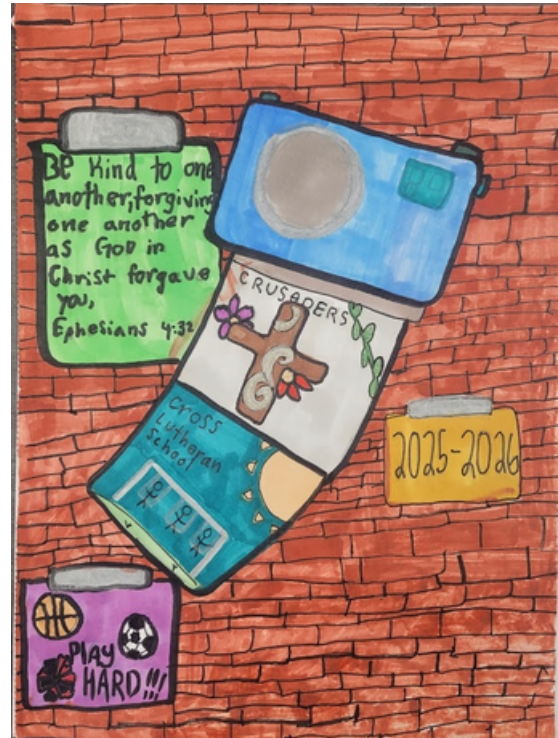
School Absence Procedures

We would greatly appreciate your help in contacting the office when your child will be absent for illness, appointments, or vacations as soon as possible. Please either call the office at 630-553-7861 or email the office secretaries at

attendance@hiscross.net

This also helps us to be on the same page as a staff when finalizing our daily attendance.

Thank you to everyone who entered our yearbook cover contest. Congratulations to Maddie Moon, our 2025 winner!



SCHOOL CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity for a total of **\$1,562.28!** We are excited to support Called to Care, a local Christian organization, helping to support children and their foster families in the name of Jesus!

DISCOVER KINDERGARTEN

DECEMBER 2
@ 7:00 PM

PLEASE RSVP FOR OUR ANNUAL KINDERGARTEN AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION MEETING! SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODE AND FILL OUT THE GOOGLE FORM



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PRESCHOOL NEWS - MRS. HILL

We have been busy chefs in our preschool class!

Our fall project focus has been on cooking and baking. Utilizing our fine motor skills, experimenting with recipes, using kid-friendly knives to prepare tasty treats has been a thrill for our preschoolers. We especially enjoyed making pumpkin muffins and pizza! The most special thing we have discovered with cooking is being able to share our creations with others.

Spending extra time outdoors to explore what the season of fall brings has opened many new doors of creativity and inquiry. We discovered worms enjoy the moist soil that lives underneath the corn stalks in the field. We make shapes and artwork with acorns, pine cones, pieces of corn, pumpkins and leaves and use our big muscles to push large pumpkins up the hill.

Interacting with wildlife and different bugs has lead to a variety of intriguing conversations about life, why things function the way they do and provokes the wonder of God's beautiful creation.

SCHOOL PICTURE ORDERS

If you had your child's picture taken on 10/29/25, you should be able to login to Jostens.com and place your order.

Please note: Please make your selection for the yearbook or submit an alternative picture for yearbook consideration/use to Hillary Weis, hweis@hiscross.net by December 15th.



Order your
yearbook today for
\$30!
[https://jostensyear
books.com/?
REF=A02008750](https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A02008750)



We are continuing to save the pop tabs for St. Jude's.

Snow Shovelers Needed

Snow Shoveling season is just around the corner ... Can you help

We need help on Monday (2 people), Wednesday (1 person) and Thursday (1 person).

With the winter season just around the corner, the school is starting to put together a crew of volunteers to shovel all sidewalks Monday – Friday. This requires all sidewalks to be shoveled by 7:00 a.m. This is a great way to help out at our school and get some exercise too! Our plan is to get a least two volunteers for each day and a few substitutes. If this is an area where you can assist, please call the school office at 630-553-7861 and have your name and preferred day added to our list. Once the list is compiled, you will receive a copy of the schedule and final instructions.

Training on our equipment is available.

Wow! Our first and second graders collected well over 300 food items for the Kendall County Food Pantry!

As part of our Religion and SEL curriculum, we've been learning about giving with a gracious heart and sharing our gifts with others.

Our students put those lessons into action in a beautiful way—showing kindness, generosity, and a true spirit of service.

We are so proud of their hard work and grateful for the support of our school community!



All School Christmas Collection For Called to Care

Brand New Books and Toys for All Ages

Ages birth - 18 years old

All toys accepted, except please no nerf guns or toy guns.

Items will be accepted till Friday, 12/19.



Thank you for blessing foster kids during this holiday season!

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CALLING ALL COOKS!

Share Your Favorite Recipe for Our School Cookbook Fundraiser!

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- Family favorites
- Quick weeknight meals
- Healthy snacks
- Desserts to impress

HOW TO SUBMIT:

1. Fill out the Google Doc by using the link below or scan the QR code
<https://shorturl.at/PC8oi>



2. Email Google Doc to PTLvoluteer@hiscross.net by December 19th, 2025

WHY PARTICIPATE?

All proceeds from the cookbook will support Cross PTL Sports Fund



Cross Spirit Wear

Check out the new items for this school year! For Christmas gifts, please place your order by December 14th.



<https://smm-custom-athletics-and-spiritwear.square.site/cross>

Cross Spiritwear

PRAYER CORNER

"Pray without ceasing," 1 Thessalonians 5:17

The following families were lifted up in prayer last week by the school faculty:

Attanasio/VanEtten-Kahl, Doonan, Gallup, Hannigan, Hennig, Kicher/Weaver, Knowles, Kuzniar, Lorange, Lubbers, McBreen, McKamey/Evans, Nguyen, Okapal, Roberts, Salemi, Thomas/Baish, Weiss, Yenter, Ziemnik/Pence

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Winterim

Friday, March 20th

Save The Date AND Volunteers Needed
If you have a special talent or skill and are willing to share it with our kids, please keep this date in mind!

All recipes are due by Friday, December 19th.



RAISE RIGHT GIFT CARDS

Available on Sundays after church: 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21

Also, available in the mornings at drop off on Wednesdays: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

If you will be purchasing any gift cards this holiday season, please consider ordering them through the School's RaiseRight (formerly known as Scrip) Gift Card Fundraising program. The school receives a rebate from the retailers for any gift cards that are purchased through the Raise Right program.

Cash and Carry will be available after 8:00 and 9:30 services starting soon in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for supporting our school in this way!

You can download the RaiseRight Fundraising App on your smartphone or go to: www.raiseright.com to get started and see complete list of participating retailers. You will need to "Join a Program" (Cross Lutheran School) with Enrollment Code: 45LAEC3E7123 to earn for your family and school.

Questions? Email: scrip@hiscross.net
Your coordinator: Jenelle Heller



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Thanksgiving Services

WED., NOV. 26TH @ 7PM

Normal Service Times on Sun., Nov. 30th, but no Children's Ministry.

Make sure to check out our new Visual Faith resources that are designed to help all ages more fully engage in worship.



TRIPLE MATCH CHALLENGE

AVAILABLE UNTIL JANUARY 1ST

LEAD DONORS WILL MATCH EVERY \$1 RECEIVED WITH \$2

\$150,000 NEW GIFTS WILL TOTAL \$450,000 AFTER THE MATCH!

WILL YOU JOIN US IN THIS EXCITING CHALLENGE?

TO GIVE: SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO OUR PUSHPAY GIVING LINK AND SELECT "I'M IN \$150,000 MATCH CAMPAIGN"

QUESTIONS: CONTACT PAM HAHN AT PHAHN@HISCROSS.ORG OR THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (630-553-7335) | CHURCHINFO@HISCROSS.ORG



Join us for a special gathering for women & girls

Sunday, Nov. 30 1:30 to 3:00 PM

Jesus - the Light

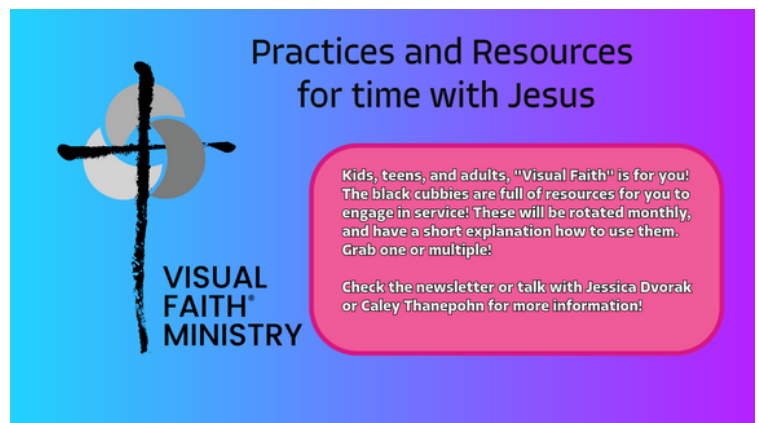
An Advent Tea

Arise shine for your light has come
Isaiah 60:1

Invite your friends & family to share this special time as we begin the Christmas season!

RSVP at the Kiosk OR Online (Scan QR Code OR Click Link in the E-Newsletter)

Questions: Contact Lana Fiala 630-383-8869



Practices and Resources for time with Jesus

Kids, teens, and adults, "Visual Faith" is for you! The black cubbies are full of resources for you to engage in service! These will be rotated monthly, and have a short explanation how to use them. Grab one or multiple!

Check the newsletter or talk with Jessica Dvorak or Caley Thanepohn for more information!

VISUAL FAITH MINISTRY



All In- December 10

Children's Ministry & Middle School

Join us for a blanket making service project

6:00- Dinner (Pizza)
6:30- Blanket Making
7:30- Evening Devotional

*Parents are encouraged to attend. Contact Caley if an adult is not available cthanepohn@hiscross.org



We invite you to a special

Worship for Seniors

Thursday, December 4th, 2025

9:30 ~ Refreshments and Fellowship
10-10:45am ~ Church Service (with Holy Communion)
10:50am ~ Depart for home

We look forward to sharing this time together!
For any questions: contact Jan Kinsel, Parish Nurse
Direct office line: 630-385-8108

At Cross Lutheran Church
8609 Route 47
Yorkville, IL, 60560



Looking for your next step, or how to get more connected?
Want to meet our leadership?

Join us for Pasta with the Pastors

December 7

12:00pm in the Food Court

RSVP with QR code, Preferred, not required

Questions? 630-553-7335 churchinfo@hiscross.org



Christmas Poinsettia Sale

Beautify our sanctuary for Christmas with a poinsettia! The cost is \$14.50 per poinsettia, payable at time of order.

Orders will be accepted through Sunday, December 7th.

How to Order:

- Fill out a paper form (available in church mailboxes) then drop off at Kiosk OR Church Office
- Scan the QR Code to fill out an online form
- Go to our Weekly E-Newsletter for link to online form

Questions? Contact Penny Monkemeyer (630) 392-4302

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