

2019-2020 Holy Cross Parish Scholarships

The following is information on scholarships that are being offered to students at Holy Cross School. ***If you wish to apply for one or more of the scholarships, please write for each scholarship you are applying for. Essays should be brief (no more than one page) and must describe the ways the student exhibits the qualities listed in the scholarship description.*** Letters may be written with the help of parents/guardians in the case of younger students (Grade K-4). Please complete the letters and application and return to school **no later than May 17, 2019**



The Owens-Peck Family Financial Scholarship (Grades K-6)

It is the desire of the Owens-Peck Family to help promote Holy Cross School and to help a student to attend Holy Cross. This scholarship is directed to aid a student who wishes to attend a Holy Cross School but is faced with a need for financial help. **Applicants K-6 are asked to write a brief essay about why this scholarship is important to them.** The recipient(s) for this scholarship will be awarded \$500 for one school year.

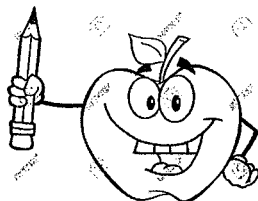
Michael and Joan Ward Memorial Scholarship (Grade K-6)

This scholarship is established by Thomas Ward in memory of his parents, Michael and Joan Ward. Mike and Joan Ward were very active in Holy Cross Parish and School and the CYO Sports Program, and were very dedicated to their children and all young people. The Principal of Holy Cross School and the Pastor of Holy Cross Parish will choose one boy and one girl each to receive a \$750.00 scholarship for one year. **Applicants (Grade-K-6) are asked to write an essay about how they exemplify the following values:**

- a faith filled spirit,
- an effort to develop and learn
- a willingness to help others
- economic need

Sister Rita Biel, RSM Scholarship (Grade K-6)

This Scholarship honors the memory of Sister Rita Biel, RSM who taught at Holy Cross School for over 20 years. She instilled in her students a love of learning and a deep faith in God. When she left teaching she ministered to the seniors' citizens and the homebound. She showed great love and care to all. Applicants are asked to **write a brief essay about how they show a love of learning and a deep faith in God.** The person receiving the scholarship will be notified and \$500.00 will be awarded for the school year.



Daniel & Linda Cooke Scholarship (Grade K-6)

Out of concern for ongoing Catholic School Education, Daniel and Linda Cooke have established a Scholarship for Students of Holy Cross School. A \$500.00 Scholarship for one year will be **awarded to the student who best shows in their essay how they possess these values:**

- a desire to learn about Jesus,
- a willingness to study and learn
- a concern for others
- economic need

The Reverend Thomas Wheeland Scholarship (Grade K-6)

This scholarship is given by the Faculty and Staff at Holy Cross School in honor of Father Thomas Wheeland, who is our Pastor Emeritus. Father Wheeland has always shown a great commitment to Catholic Education. **Applicants are asked to write a brief essay about why Catholic Education is important and how it has helped you to learn and grow in your faith.** The winner will be notified and will be given for the following school year.

Pope John Paul II Memorial Scholarship (Grade K-6)

*John Paul II served as Pope of the Catholic Church from 1978 until his death almost 27 years later. Pope John Paul II taught about the importance of family and respect for human life and dignity. Any Catholic school student from Holy Cross Parish may apply by writing an essay about **the unique virtues of Pope John Paul II**, please include interesting stories and anecdotes about his life and how you can share his mission and devotions in your own life. This letter should be sent to the Holy Cross School, Attn: Mary Martell. The person receiving the scholarship will be notified and the scholarship of \$1000 will be awarded for the following school year.*

Mary Licata Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Effort and Determination (Grade K-6)

This scholarship is given in loving memory of Mary Licata by her husband, Thomas. Mary was a person noted for her determination and ceaseless effort in all that she did in her life. **Applicants are asked to write a brief essay about a time when they put forth great effort and determination to achieve a goal.** At present, three scholarships for \$1,000.00 are awarded each year.

Daniel Jerzak, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
(8th Graders Only)

Any Holy Cross Parish 8th grade student who has talents in the fine arts, music, or theater may apply for this scholarship to Aquinas Institute. The Daniel Jerzak, Jr. Memorial Scholarship selection committee will review the letter of each applicant and the scholarship is awarded in June. Please send a **letter describing your talents in either art, music, and/or theater and how you hope to use and develop them at Aquinas Institute.** Letters should be sent to the Parish Office Attn: Kevin Foy by May 24th . The Scholarship is for \$1,000 each year of the four years at Aquinas Institute.

Joseph R. Sirianni, Memorial Scholarship Award
(Grades K-6)

Joe was a lifelong member of Holy Cross Parish and Holy Cross School. A Catholic education provided a sound foundation for the life that he led. As an active parishioner at Holy Cross, Joe was involved in many aspects of parish and diocese activities and committees. Giving of his time and talents was something he found greatly rewarding. To honor his memory of all that he achieved based on this solid Catholic foundation and values, this scholarship has been established in loving memory of Joe by his wife Ginny and sons, Joe and Nick. A \$1000 Scholarship will be awarded to a student (K-6) for one school year based on a short essay explaining what it means to have a catholic school education and how the student will use what they learn to support the parish and school. The recipient will be selected by the Holy Cross Principal and Faculty.

Jean Swartwout & Ray Sypek Memorial Scholarship

(Grades Pre-K to 6)

This scholarship is being presented by the family of Jean and Ray in loving memory of their joy in their Catholic faith, history, sports, animals and helping those in need. Jean and Ray were a brother and sister who grew up in a faith-filled Catholic home. Their grandchildren and nephews attended school at Holy Cross. **Write about your faith and the qualities and interests you share with them as well as what brings you joy.** This scholarship is for \$500 for the following school year.

Application for Scholarship(s) from Holy Cross Parish

For 2019 - 2020

Please fill out this application, indicating the scholarship(s) for which you are applying.

Include **one letter or essay for each** of the scholarships that you are seeking and return to:

**Holy Cross School or
Holy Cross Church
4492 Lake Avenue
Rochester, New York 14612
Attn: Mary Martell**

Student Name

Parent Name

Grade student will be in for the coming school year

Address

Catholic School in which student is currently enrolled

City

State

Zip Code

E-mail Address

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Phone Number

Indicate to which scholarship(s) you are applying with a checkmark.

**Available to those currently attending Holy
Cross School in Grades K- Grade 5.
(Scholarships are for K to 6th Graders)**

**Available to 8th Graders currently attending a
Catholic School**

Daniel Jerzak, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

- Holy Cross Pastor's Scholarship
- Sr. Rita Biel Memorial Scholarship
- Jean Swartwout & Ray Sypek Memorial Scholarship
- Joseph Sirianni Memorial Scholarship
- The Mary Licata Memorial Scholarship
- Pope John Paul II Memorial Scholarship
- Daniel & Linda Cook Scholarship
- Michael and Joan Ward Memorial Scholarship
- The Owens-Peck Family Financial Scholarship
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Young Students may have parents fill out application and help with the essay.

All entries must be received at the Parish Office by established deadline.

May 17, 2019