

# CrossRoads

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## Holy Cross Remembers Br. Daniel Durig

By Leslie Barron and Lauren Deans  
Staff Writers

Holy Cross of San Antonio lost a beloved family member when Br. Daniel Durig died on Jan. 10 in Austin.

Br. Daniel was known best to students as the cookie and pastry maker of Holy Cross, but if you did not know him, here is his story.

Br. Daniel Durig, CSC, was born on March 8, 1931 in Niles, Ohio. His parents were John Durig and Margaret McNaughton. Br. Daniel was the 10th of 11 children.

Br. Daniel joined the Brothers of Holy Cross in February 1951 and in 1952, he made his first profession of vows. He made his perpetual vows at Sacred Heart Church at the University of Notre Dame on Aug. 16, 1955.

Br. Daniel worked and taught throughout the Holy Cross schools in the United States, including San Antonio. "From the late 1950s until the late 1960s, he was the head chef for the Holy Cross Brothers," said Mr. Don Marengo, campus minister. "From the late 1960s to the mid 1970s, he was at Holy Cross High School, working at the cafeteria with moms, giving school

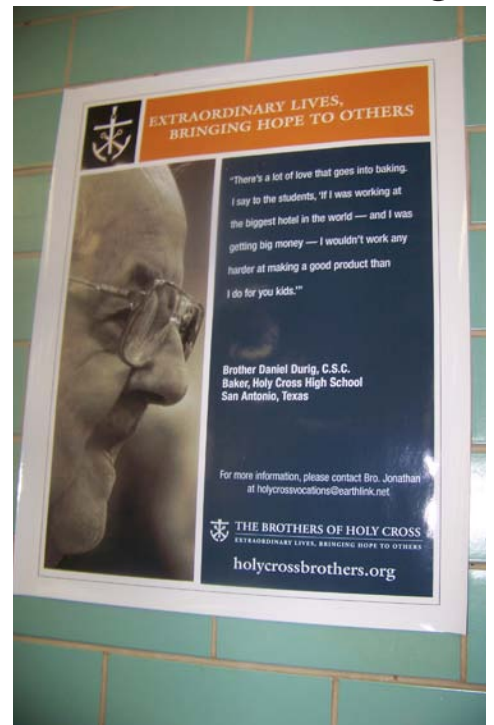
lunches," he added.

In 2008 Brother Daniel returned to Holy Cross of San Antonio, where he made a ministry of baking cookies and other pastries for the students. He began his day before 5 a.m. to prepare his baking. The money he made from his daily sales, he sent to the street kids in Brazil.

"At Holy Cross he would raise \$500 monthly by baking," said Mr. Marengo. Many students, faculty, and staff believe that Brother Daniel was very dedicated to his baking for a reason. "He gave everything he had to the school," said Mr. Gerardo Soto, theology teacher.

"(He was) happiest when feeding people, brothers and students. He was loved by all people, respected, thought of highly, yet he was still extremely humble," explained Mr. Marengo.

Brother Daniel became ill during a visit to St. Joseph's Hall in Austin in December. He died on Jan. 10 in Austin. Holy Cross of San Antonio had a visitation and Mass for Br. Daniel on Jan. 14. The Holy Cross community at St. Edward's University in Austin remembered Br. Daniel on Jan. 15 with a Mass celebrating his life. His burial followed in Austin at Assumption Cemetery.



Br. Daniel's image appears on a poster that promotes vocations. The poster appears behind his table during cookie sales.

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## Catholic Schools Week Holy Cross Celebrates Education of Heart and Mind

By Nicole De Leon and Jodi Montez  
Staff Writers

Catholic Schools Week is a week to take the time out to recognize all Catholic schools and what they stand for.

Many students don't fully understand the meaning behind it. "They don't really see the picture until they get into the real world" said Dean of Men, Mr. Angel Cedillo.

"The most significant thing is that every-

body still believes that a child's education should be rooted in faith" said Mr. Cedillo. Education plays the most important role in this week. "The fact that we take a week out of the year to celebrate the good work that Catholic schools do for our young people, their education, and spiritual formation, is important," said Academic Dean, Mr. Richard Vasquez.

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# PURO HOLY CROSS:

A page to ideas and rituals that are unique to Holy Cross, including the silly and the serious.  
Please enjoy these stories and photos that are PURO HOLY CROSS!

## Br. Daniel Durig: Keeping His Tradition Alive

By Adriana Flores-Calderon and Amanda Villasenor  
Staff Writers

### Cookies!

Holy Cross students and staff enjoyed the sweets, bread, and cookies that Br. Daniel prepared daily. Although he loved baking, Br. Daniel baked with a certain reason with his own methods. His reason was to bake food for others, sell it, and donate the money to help street kids in Brazil.

While Holy Cross students understood they were getting quality food at bargain prices, they also understood that Br. Daniel had a passion for his mission of helping impoverished children in Brazil. He had a mentor in this project, Br. Ronald Hein.

"He (Br. Hein) was always very supportive of what all the brothers did," said Br. Stanley Culotta, president of Holy Cross of San Antonio. Br. Roland Hein would collect scraps and sell them to raise money for the children. Br. Daniel wanted to in some way help these kids, so he decided to use his talent in baking and bake delicious desserts to sell at Holy Cross and send the money to the children.



### Students Remember Him

Br. Daniel wasn't just a baker or a distant figure at Holy Cross. For many students, he was a trusted adviser.

Senior Carlos Guardiola said, "Br. Daniel was more than a Brother; he was an extraordinary man, someone worth honoring." Others remembered Br. Daniel as the type of man to offer help and expect nothing in return.

"His cookies were AMAZING!" said Senior Shelly Flores. She recalled that whenever she felt sad or low, he always gave her free cookies and a word of advice to think about and follow.

Senior Juan Munoz said, "Br. Daniel is a prime example of a man of God; he was a great example for students." In other words, he was an extraordinary man, and his memory will live on at Holy Cross of San Antonio.

*Photos: Br. Daniel's apron remains in his seat in the cafeteria, top. Left and right: Carlos Guardiola and other students keep the tradition of Br. Daniel's bake sale alive in the cafeteria.*



## Boys' Soccer Team Reaches Regionals

By Madolyn Rodriguez and Serena Balderrama  
Staff Writers

The boys' soccer team is heading to regional playoffs in Dallas with a 9-8-4 record.

Coach Gabe Cerda noted that this season has been a time of learning skills and preparing for tournament play. His main goals for team play include, "being able to work well together and picking up skills from other players and move in unity," he said. Coach Cerda expects the boys to play hard and hopefully move past the first round.

Co-Captain Nick Martinez, senior, thinks the Knights are ready to tackle the playoffs. "They have a good chance at going to state if they play with heart and leave everything on the field," he said.

He also noted how the team



has improved since the beginning of the season. "We started off as just athletes with heart and as beginners, and now they (our players) are beginning to understand the game and play as a team."

Nick added that the toughest opponent was Antonian, "because they knew how to move the ball on the field, and we had starters out."

At the end of the regular season, Nick noted that the Knights

faced and overcame two major challenges: "The restrictions on yellow and red cards, and getting the team to play together as one," he said.



*Junior Sam Romero dribbles the ball during the Feb. 5 weekend tournament in Laredo, top, while the team relaxes for a photo, bottom.*

### Boys' Varsity Follows Path to Basketball Playoffs

By Erica Reyes and Michael Cortinas  
Staff Writers

The boys' varsity basketball team started the season off with one goal in mind: Win the state championship.

This year's boys' varsity basketball team has a district record of 2-5, and after beating the St. Anthony Yellow Jackets on Feb. 9, they're on the road to the district playoffs.

The Knights began the season with high hopes as players and coaches were thinking about a state championship. As the team they discovered that

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### Girls' Basketball Gets Tough with End-of-Season Play

By Carolina Alonzo and Melissa Ortega  
Staff Writers

The girls' varsity basketball team is nearing the end of the season with a 8-2-4 record.

Despite a disappointing loss to Incarnate Word two weeks ago, the Knights returned to beat the Providence Proveys 56-35 on Feb. 9. On Feb. 2, the girls lost against Incarnate Word. "It will be very tough to

beat Incarnate Word," said Coach Jesse Arguello before the game.

It was a tough game against the Shamrocks: The score was 61-37 with an Incarnate Word win.

In order to make the playoffs, the girls would have had to win the rest of their games. "We would have to win our last three games, then we'd be tied for 4th," said Coach Arguello.

*Cheerleaders Head to Alamodome for Competition Feb. 11-12.*

# Holy Cross Middle School News

## Middle School Shows Off Dance, Social Skills

By Lilian Escobedo  
Staff Writer

Our little Knights have continued their great year with some social events.

They brought Christmas cheer to Holy Cross with their "Grinch Stole Christmas" dance. The gleaming Christmas lights glittered on the girls' dresses while the boys showed off their shirts and ties. Everyone was having a great time, dancing the night away.

Even some teachers found themselves on the dance floor. "The dance was a success. Everyone looked like they were

having a great time, and I enjoyed the fist-pumping to 'Dynamite,'" said Ms. Caitlin O'Connell, middle school history teacher.

The middle school student council put a great amount of effort into the dance. Not only did the hard work pay off with a great turnout and profit for the middle school, but many memories were made: "Seeing the decorations and dancing to the awesome music with my friends is my is best memory here at Holy Cross," said Eighth Grader Sesalie Vasquez. It was a great night of laughter and cheer, and a night to show that middle school pride still lives on to this very day.

### Students Show their Spirit!

## Pep Rally Cheers MS Basketball Teams

By Anaresa Garcia  
Staff Writer

The middle school had a pep rally in late January to support the boys' and girls' basketball teams.

The students showed their Knight pride with lots of cheering. "You showed middle school spirit, and it was nice to see all the coaches," said Librarian Ms. Mary Huebscher.

All the students took part in the activities, such as 3-Point Shootout and Half-Court Shot.

"It was a fun experience, even though I didn't win," said Eighth Grader David Sanchez.

The pep rally was organized by the Middle School Student Council, moderated by Ms. Katherine Petersen.

"It went smoothly, and it was entertaining to watch all the students," said Middle School Coordinator Ms. Delia Chavez. "They looked like they were having fun."

Students, faculty, and parents attended the pep rally to support the Middle School.

## Basketball Team Readies for Playoffs

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they could have done better on the court with a lot of more effort. "I have seen the team come a long way, thanks to Coach Ray Salas," says Senior Ricky Moreno.

On Feb. 2, the Knights fought hard against Central Catholic, but lost 60-49. Senior Center Jeremy Cruz, says, "I think we played with a lot of heart and we gave it our all, and even though we don't come out with a victory, we feel like we accomplished a lot."

## Schools Honor Catholic Tradition

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"A Mass, the Sunday before Catholic Schools Week begins, is what kicks it off" said Spanish teacher, Mr. Alberto Esquivel. Throughout the week, treats were given out to teachers and students. Teachers were given gift certificates to Starbucks and students received paletas on Monday, popcorn on Tuesday, chocolate bars on Wednesday, and cookies to carry out the tribute for Br. Daniel on Thursday, during their lunch hours.

Principal, Mr. Henry Galindo, said he's "very thankful to work in a Catholic school such as Holy Cross. It reminds me of the sacrifices that parents make, knowing that they have to pay tuition." He also said he looks forward to Catholic Schools Week as, "a chance to share with the community and thank them for all that they have done."

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There are 20 words placed in  
 this puzzle by Richard Mora and  
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**Br. Daniel Durig**  
March 8, 1931 - Jan. 10, 2011