



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

July 3, 2022

14th Sunday Ordinary Time

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

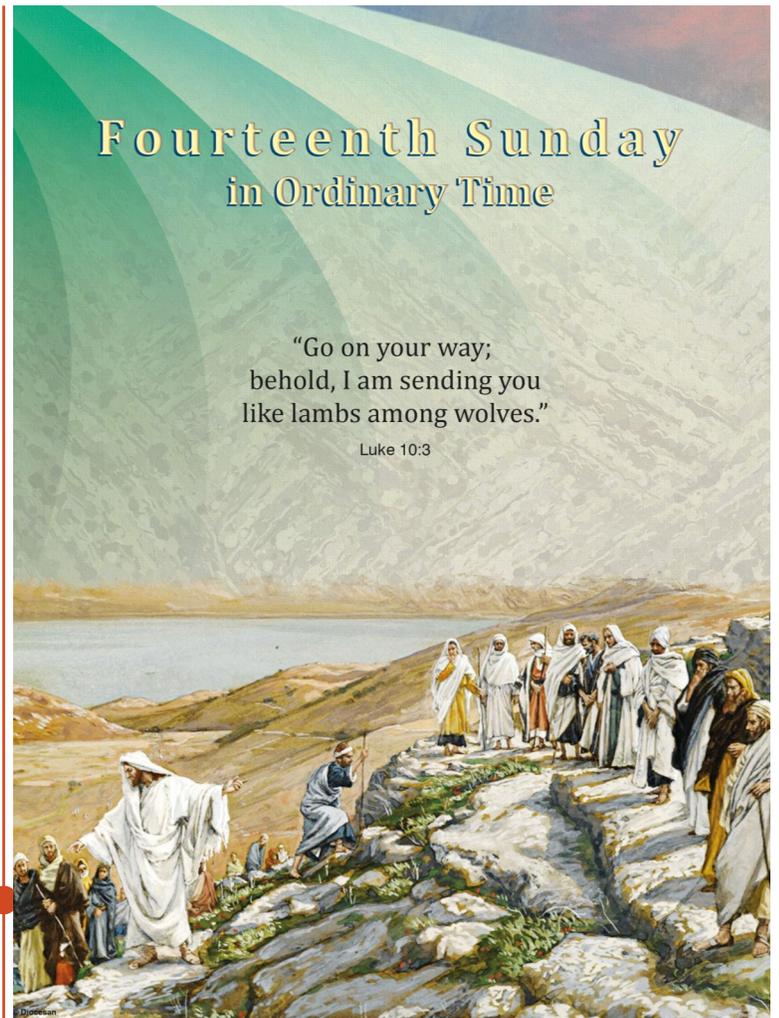
Monday-Saturday, 8 am
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day,
MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day,
Labor Day, Columbus Day)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 8:30 am—10:00 am,
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am—9 pm



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Go on your way;
behold, I am sending you
like lambs among wolves.”

Luke 10:3

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 9:30 am
Thursday, 6:30 pm

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE (HC AND ICC)

Mary, Mother of God, January 1
Assumption, August 15
All Saints' Day, November 1
Immaculate Conception, December 8
Christmas, December 25

Mass schedules for Holy Days of Obligation and other special days will be printed in the bulletin as each one draws near

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

The seven Sacraments of the Church were instituted by Christ to confer grace.

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the office to register for Parent Pre-Baptismal Instruction. For adults seeking to enter the Church and be Baptized, contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for Confession at age seven as part of First Communion preparation.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for First Communion at age seven. Adults seeking First Communion should contact our Religious Education Office. To request a visitation for Holy Communion to the Sick, contact our parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Young people in our parish are prepared for reception of Confirmation in the ninth grade (age 14). Adults seeking Confirmation should contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Marriage. Couples planning for Marriage are to contact a parish priest or deacon one year in advance to set the wedding date and plan for pre-Cana instruction.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

Anointing of the Sick. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which is administered by a Priest, a person or an immediate family member must make the request. Late night requests may not be able to be answered until the next day.

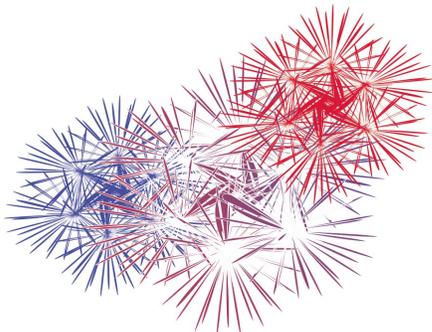
MEN OF HOLY CROSS

Thanks to our newest innovation (a state of the art "Meeting Owl" which makes you feel like you are there in person), all you need is your smartphone, tablet or computer to join our meetings. Just type in on a web browser the below link or click on the following link and it will automatically guide you through the Zoom Meeting set up and join our (Hybrid in person or via zoom) (We also meet in person 2nd floor of the ELC building) meeting. <https://zoom.us/j/83606382292> pass code 631 Wednesday mornings at 6:30 AM (time certain) . We are currently viewing episodes from Knights of Columbus " titled "Into the Breach".

FOURTH OF JULY

Mass on Monday, July 4, will be celebrated at 9 am.

Parish Offices will be closed July 4 and July 5 in observance of the holiday.



WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

June 12, 2022
(New figures for June 19 were not available at the time of printing New figures will be in the next bulletin.)

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$22,789	\$25,700	(\$2,911)
YTD	\$1,315,843	\$1,298,600	\$7,243
Needs	\$988	\$1,480	(\$492)

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending June 19, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$3,206
2nd collection	\$476

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Dear Parishioners,

On July 4, and during this extended weekend, our nation will celebrate its 246th Independence Day. It marks the 246th anniversary of the day, when the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Second Continental Congress, with the signature of Delaware's own Caesar Rodney upon it. Flags will be waving. Patriotism will abound. And, of course, fireworks will be fired off (for those of certain age, the sky will look like the opening sequence of "Love American Style," for those of a younger age the sky will look like your iPhone screen when some texts "congratulations" in your Apple message app).

Independence vs Dependence. In a bit of an Independence Day twist, I am writing this column not just about independence but its complement, dependence. I will warn you in advance, I will be on a circuitous route in getting to the matter of independence and dependence, so turn on your GPS, run to 7-11 and grab a Big Gulp, and settle in for a spell. As comedian Jackie Gleason used to say at the start of his show — "and away we go!"

Labor Daze. Let's jump back to the first century. There is a very famous Gospel passage from St. Matthew (11:28-30) about those wearied and haggard by labor and life's burdens; it reads as follows:

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Of Quiet Riot and Burdens. The message of that passage seems to be that we who labor and are burdened should take Christ's yoke upon ourselves. Now on its face, that might seem an odd answer for someone feeling burdened. Very odd. To make an analogy, it seems to be saying something like, "For those of you with a headache, put on these headphones, full-volume, and listen to this Quiet Riot CD." For those of you not familiar with Quiet Riot, think of head-banging heavy metal music. Similarly, for those of you not familiar with farm items, when the scripture says we take Christ's yoke upon us, be aware that a "yoke" is what is placed over the neck of an ox to hook it to and allow it to pull a plow. A yoke is the burdener of the beast of burden.

Beware: Yoke Joke. So, why would Christ tell us that when we are burdened to put on his yoke? Is this some kind of a bad yoke? (Yes, I made a yoke joke!) But, wouldn't that yoke be another burden, on top of your other burdens? The short answer is, "No, it wouldn't." You see, a yoke is a large "M" shaped farm device, and it doesn't get used for a single animal — rather it binds (yokes) two oxen together. Like a game of chess, a slow dance, a tandem bike, and a *Ren & Stimpy* cartoon script, a yoke is always made for two.

A Pair of Soxen? This yoking is done so that the two animals can both work together to pull the plow. The pair of oxen, like a pair of soxen (!) work best together. Thus, by being yoked, one ox cannot pull ahead of the other, nor can the other ox fall behind; if one of the oxen tires and can't go on, the other ox, by being yoked to him, can pull him along the rest of the way.

With the Help of God. So, Christ in that Gospel passage I noted from St. Matthew, tells us to take his yoke upon ourselves when we are labored and burdened. That is to say that we are to bind ourselves to Christ and yoke ourselves with him. Why? Because when the burden becomes too much and the load too heavy, Christ will carry the load with us — and if necessary, for us — and pull us along the rest of the way. In our daily lives as Christian, the image of the yoke is important to remember. Because Christ is not only pulling for us, indeed he is pulling with us.

Independence Day. On this Independence Day weekend, we should remind ourselves that we are never 100% independent in this life — in fact we are very dependent on Him, our God, for all that we have. It is said that a good man is never alone, and that is so true as in faith we bind ourselves, indeed yoke ourselves to Christ — who is always there with us... even when we don't realize it. People used to puzzle over "Where's Waldo" to find the elusive Waldo in a vast picture image; in a similar manner, I commend

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HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F.	Pastor
Msgr. Daniel McGlynn	Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Brennan Ferris	Parochial Vicar

HC CLERGY

Mr. Philip Belt	Deacon
Mr. John Harvey	Deacon
Mr. Richard Kosior	Deacon
Mr. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell	Deacon
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R C I A ...

When Jesus was approached by those who wished to become disciples, he invited them to "...come and see," that is to come and be with me and my disciples for a while. Walk with us – learn who we are. Then make your decision to become a disciple.

Pope John Paul II said, "It is not enough to discover Christ – you must bring him to others!" The words of our Holy Father should encourage us to reach out to a neighbor, friend, relative and co-worker. If they do not have a church home, invite them to consider Holy Cross.

We are already making contact and responding to those who are interested in journeying with us to discover more about the Catholic Christian experience. Even if you have asked someone before they have passed up the opportunity, today may be the time that the Holy Spirit has chosen for them. Invite them to discover at no obligation what the Catholic Church is really all about.

For more information, contact the Parish Office, 674-5787 extension 110 or 113.

SVDP MEETING AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

St. Vincent de Paul meeting the 2nd Mon. of the month at 5 PM, in the office meeting room.

Next meeting is Monday, September 12, 2022, at 5 pm.

15TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (JULY 10)

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 30:10-14

Although God is surrounded by mystery, nevertheless God chooses to be known and the divine is revealed among us.

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

All things were created through Christ and for him.

GOSPEL: LUKE 10:125-37

Jesus recounts the parable of the good Samaritan in answer to a question about who we should see as our neighbor.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our prayers shawl ministry continues to meet each Tuesday morning from 10 am to 12 Noon in the St. Luke Room on the second floor of the Early Learning Center Building. Newcomers are welcome. If you know someone who could use a prayer shawl or if you would like one yourself, please call the parish office and we can pass along the message to the group.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

What does Independence Day look like in marriage? Does it mean being free to do whatever you want? Of course not. Perhaps it's closer to being "interdependent" - knowing your strengths and weaknesses and helping each other out.

PARENTING POINTERS

Last week's Parenting Pointer asked you to identify some things that clutter your home. Now, what do you do with it? Give it away of course. Let your kids help you find people who need your extras.

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming weekend programs will be held August 19 - 21 and October 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Looking for an in-person or virtual experience getting closer to your spouse? Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!! Many options for virtual events can be found on our website www.wwme-delmar.org. For additional information please call Tony and Linda Masino at 302-648-2228.

MASS INTENTIONS JULY

4 MONDAY	
HC 9:00 am	Kathleen Spartz
5 TUESDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Lida Smith
6 WEDNESDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Sylvia Crews
7 THURSDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Sheila Berninger
ICC 6:00 pm	For the People
8 FRIDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Steven Peer
9 SATURDAY	
HC 8 am	Adam J. Daniel
HC 5 pm	Jim Yourinson
10 SUNDAY	
HC 7:30 am	Jensen Reed
ICC 8:30 am	Louis Adam
HC 9:30 am	Barbara Siers
ICC 11 am	John G. Carrow
HC 1:00 pm	Jensen Reed
ICC 1 pm	For the People

*(LI—LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)*

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

We continue to receive very positive comments on the care, maintenance and overall condition of our cemetery. Credit goes to Danny Waite and his staff at Cemetery Care Services, to our very active Cemetery Committee for the ongoing enforcement of our Rules & Regulations, and to the families and friends of loved ones interred in our cemetery.

As a reminder, the Rules & Regulations are strictly enforced and apply not only to in-ground graves but to the mausoleum and columbariums as well, with the purpose of ensuring the sacred character and good order of our cemetery. Copies of our Rules & Regulations are available at the parish office.

HOLY CROSS JULY 9/10, 2022

EMHC

SERVERS

5:00 PM D. Darling L. Darling F. Ernst D. Field G. Coyle M. Coyle L. Curley

LECTORS

H. Walker
F. Urlick

7:30 AM C. Brown A. Fischer J. Fischer S. Gede E. Bydlon S. Shevock C. Wilk

LECTORS

C. Cuffee

9:30 AM P. Ford S. Ford F. Hanlin C. Jones G. Maddalena M. Milligan J. Seeney

LECTORS

S. Crossen
C. Parks

11:30 AM R. Ramirez B. Guzman R. Richards E. Guzman K. Espinosa C. Geronimo

LECTORS

A. Luna

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM D. Smith

LECTORS

K. Cairns

11:00 AM F. Cristiano

LECTORS

S. Tucker

1:00 PM To be determined

LECTORS

L. Schlaupitz

ATTENTION ALL EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Parishioners in need of our Homebound Ministry is growing by leaps and bounds, and we need more EM's who are willing to become part of our homebound ministry. We serve nursing homes, assisted living facilities, the hospital, and those at home.

Please consider joining this ministry. We will train you and have you shadow another EM to get you ready. Call the Parish Office so we can get you started. Please pray to discern if this ministry would be for you. We need your help!!

Call 302-674-5787, ext. 110 or 113 to leave your name.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

It's a question every Catholic man needs to ask - and answer. God calls you to lead with faith in all you do. The Knights of Columbus is here to help. We offer the Catholic faith formation, financial protection, and family resources that can help you grow as a father, husband, and leader. With the Knights, you can become the man you want to be - and your family needs. Learn more at KofC.org and find out how you can make a difference and enjoy the benefits of becoming a Knight. Lead, they'll follow.

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to our newly baptized members of Holy Cross:

- Steven Keith Bilbrough
- Grace Michele Lopez

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

The Adoration Chapel is open again each day from 5 am to 9 pm. If you would like to take a permanent time slot, it's not too late. We still have many openings on various days. See the openings listed below. Call Joann Pate today at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you.

SUNDAY	6 am, 10 am, 5 pm, 8 pm
TUESDAY	3 pm
WEDNESDAY	8 am
THURSDAY	12 pm
SATURDAY	5 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

SWITCH TO EGIVING THIS SUMMER (HC)

Online donations through Faith Direct help sustain our parish ministries and keep our offertory consistent during the busy summer vacation months. If you make the switch today, you'll be giving steady, consistent support to the parish ministries you care about most in the months ahead - even if you're out of town during summer weekends.

Helping us to reach this goal is simple: visit HC website and go to Online Giving. Any questions, call the Parish Office.

NUESTRA FAMILIA HISPANA

- **Confirmación para Adultos:** Si usted es mayor de 18 años de edad y no se ha recibido su sacramento de la Confirmación las clases de preparación empezaran pronto. Habrá Confirmaciones de Adultos Hispano el domingo 10 de Julio. Para más información hable con el Sr. Antonio Luna o llame a la oficina de la parroquia al 302-674-5787 ext. 118.
- Viene a Delaware Conquistando las NACIONES para CRISTO – Retiro DE Sanación Interior. Solamente para adultos mayores de 18 años. Del 8-10 de julio. En la parroquia de Los Santos Ángeles en Newark. Donación es de \$125. Para más información llame al 302-442-5887 – 410-212-8467 o hable con Epitacio Méndez, Marta Espinosa, Tayde Hernández, Manuel Espinoza, José Cruz Pérez, Mireya Rodríguez o Laura Méndez.
- Es muy importante inscribir a sus hijos a tiempo para la Educación Religiosa. Las Inscripciones para la Educación Religiosa y Preparación para la Confirmación (HC - 2023) Las aplicaciones para inscribirse para la Preparación para la Confirmación 2023 se pueden encontrar en el sitio web de la parroquia en holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christianformation/k-8-formation.
- Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, no dude en comunicarse con Tammy Korosec en tkorosec@holycrossover.org o llame al (302) 674-5787 X 122
- Los Obispos de los Estados Unidos están llamando a un avivamiento de tres años de la devoción y la creencia en la Presencia Real de Jesús en la Eucaristía. Crean que Dios quiere ver un movimiento de católicos en todo Estados Unidos, curados, convertidos, formados y unificados por un encuentro con Jesús en la Eucaristía, y enviados en misión “para la vida del mundo”. Estos tres años culminarán con el primer Congreso Eucarístico Nacional en Estados Unidos en casi cincuenta años. Casi cien mil católicos se reunirán en Indianápolis en una peregrinación única hacia la “fuente y cumbre” de nuestra fe católica. Que culminara con un Congreso Eucarístico Nacional en Indianápolis, Indiana del 17-21 de julio del 2024.
- Si usted está interesado en participar y compartir sus talentos como lector, ministerio de música, ujier, ministros Extraordinario de la Comunión, Arte y Ambientación, dar Clases Pre - bautismales. Por favor hable con los coordinadores de los ministerios o llame a la oficina al 302-674-5787 ext. 118

- La virgen peregrina está visitando casas, si usted desea tener la virgen en su casa por una semana por favor hable con la Sra. Marta Espinosa.
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ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

- La inscripción para el año escolar 2022-2023 está abierta, las inscripciones están disponibles para todas las familias y aún se aceptan. Debe inscribir a sus hijos cada año. Vuelva a Alicia Poppiti ahora, para que podamos estar seguros de tener suficientes maestros, libros y espacio en las aulas.
- Necesitamos Catequistas, Asistentes, sustitutos y ayudantes para el próximo año para la Educación Religiosa los domingos por la mañana, desde el 18 de septiembre hasta el 7 de mayo, de 9:40 a 10:50 a.m. Póngase en contacto con Alicia Poppiti @ 410-482-8939 o dre@iccmmarydel.org para obtener más información.
- Las inscripciones ya están disponibles.
- Nuevos Inscribiéndose: https://www.iccmmarydel.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/new_sre_registration_form_2021.pdf
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- **La Escuela Bíblica de Verano** en La Inmaculada Concepción es del 1 al 5 de agosto, de 6 a 8:30 p. m. en el Salón. Los niños deben estar inscritos para asistir. Más información sobre la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones en las próximas semanas. Los niños deben estar registrados para asistir. ¡Se necesitan voluntarios para ser miembros del equipo para la VBS de Food Truck Party! Si estas interesado inscribise con Alicia Poppiti dre@iccmmarydel.org o llame al 410-482-8939.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Registration forms available at holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossover.org or call (302)674-5787 X 122

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis) Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF? Registration forms available at <https://holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation> If you have any questions please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

SAVE THE DATE (HC)

Vacation Bible School July 11-15th, 2022
9 am – 12 pm
Ages PK4-Grade 4



Registrations forms available on Holy Cross Website. **Capacity is limited.** Registration Forms due 6/30/2022.

Volunteers needed 5th grade – 99! Volunteer Registration forms available on <https://holycrossover.org/about-us/headlines/6436-vacation-bible-school-2022>

YOUTH AT HOLY CROSS

Registration for Confirmation Preparation (HC - 2023)

Forms to register for Confirmation Preparation 2023 may be found on the parish website under Teaching the Faith, Sacramental Preparation.

WELCOME TO CHWC YOUTH

Thanks to all who participated with the Catholic Heart Work Camp this past week. We hosted 140 youth from other Diocese who worked hard all week doing jobs for people in our parish and community. They were a great group and a good time was had by all.

SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Religious Education registration for the 2022-2023 school year are available to all families registered in the parish, and are stilling being accepted.

Religious Education classes run Sunday mornings from September 25th thru May 7th, 9:40am-10:50am. Please return to Alicia Poppiti at the ICC Religious Education office. You can also download and print from here:

New Registrants https://www.iccmaryl.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/new_sre_registration_form_2021.pdf

Renewal Registrants https://www.iccmaryl.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/sre_registration_form_2021.pdf

And Form A English https://www.iccmaryl.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/form_a_-_new.pdf

Spanish https://www.iccmaryl.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/form_a_-_spanish_1_.pdf

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Alicia Poppiti @410-482-8939 or dre@iccmaryl.org for more information. If you have any difficulty with affording RE, please call Alicia Poppiti, and the office can assist you.

Your Assistance is requested for School Year Religious Education: ICC wants your assistance, as we are in need of Catechists, Assistants, substitutes and helpers for next year for Religious Education on Sunday mornings, from September 18th until May 7th, 9:40-10:50am. Contact Alicia Poppiti @410-482- 8939 or dre@iccmaryl.org for more information.

VBS AT ICC

Registrations are now available, and need to be returned by July 25th.



Vacation Bible School at Immaculate Conception is from August 1-5 6-8:30pm in the Hall.

Registrations are available to print or fill out online: <https://www.iccmaryl.org/vbs.html>

Team Members Needed for Food Truck Party VBS! We need you to join us on our way to Food Truck Party VBS! Volunteers can register with Alicia Poppiti at dre@iccmaryl.org or 410-482-8939, to sign up for opportunities to serve, lead, and most of all, HAVE FUN at Food Truck Party! Join us as we get On a Roll with God! Youth volunteer registration can be obtained from Alicia Poppiti and need to be returned by June 30th. Training date to be announced.

S...Here's to the good old summertime; the swimsuits, swimming pools, s'mores, sunshine, sunscreen and special times with special friends and family!

U...umbrellas, they come in all sizes and varieties because not all of our days can be bright....bright... sunny days.

M...Math packets! If you haven't gotten started, it's not too late. Try just a couple of problems every day. Come on!! You'll be so glad you did when August 29th rolls around.

M...Mass. Let's not forget what Father Lentini encouraged us all to do. Let's all try to attend Mass or the church of your membership. Jesus is not on vacation. He waits for us and there's no better place to meet Him than in His own house!

E... Equestrian Events!! This is the perfect time for me to announce the good news and achievement of Gianna Keen a Holy Cross rising sixth grader. Gianna recently participated in a World Competition event held in Tulsa OK. Gianna atop her beautiful chestnut colored horse, Bella were named World Champions in the Five-Ten Walk-Trot category in the Western Trail competition. Gianna also placed 6th in the World in the 13 and Under category for Showmanship. Gianna returned to DE with lots of other accolades as well in all of the other events in which she and Bella competed. Gianna Keen, a World Class Equestrian!! Congratulations!

R...Read...Read...Read... I remember the words of my very own mother when she said, I don't care if you only read the telephone book, but you have to read!" Every one of our students received a Reading packet with summer assignments. They are due on August 29th. Remember to Read...Read...Read at least twenty minutes every day.

you to look at the picture of your life closely, and you will find Christ there, never far from you.

From Conception. It is interesting that, these days, the idea of a person being “independent” is touted as a value. We see this concept at work when we have to assemble something and we toss the directions aside, declaring, “I can do it myself.” Then 10 minutes later we are asking, “What did I do with those directions?” In that same vein, independence is not a Christian value. In our faith, we are, none of us, independent... even though we like to think we are. We are dependent on God for the gift of life and need his help throughout that life. And, as God did not stop creation at Adam, we are thus created to also be dependent on one another and help one another throughout life.

Help Me, Rhonda. To think oneself independent is folly, and it is a lie. In faith, none of us would want to be independent. We are dependent. One of the greatest gifts that we can have as Catholics, is to be able to —without shame or weakness— say we are dependent: We are dependent on God (“help me, Lord”) and on others (different for each of us, though as the Beach Boys may have expressed, “help me, Rhonda”). As Christians we need to be able to shed pride and be able to stop and say, “Hey, I need help.” We usually call that moment of seeking help a prayer. Conversely we need to be aware of others who are dependent on us when they need help. We need to look at the Cross and say, “I am not alone in this world, and I do not want to be alone. I am dependent on the grace of God, this day and every day of my life.”

The Greatest Independence. And so Monday, on Independence Day, when we as a nation celebrate the political independence of our country, let us not forget that greatest independence of all is found in our freedom to be dependent on God for all we have and all we need. Let me be clear, dependence on the Lord is the greatest independence we can ever know. It is the yoke that Christ spoke of that is the key to our freedom. Placing the yoke of Christ on our shoulders is not a declaration of independence, rather it is our declaration of dependence — on God. In truth, it is when we bind and yoke ourselves to Christ that we are the most free. Or as St. Paul says, “For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.” (Romans 8:13-14)

We Hold These Truths. This truth of our dependence on God is found most clearly in our nation’s Declaration of Independence which reads: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” Notice these words: The Creator has endowed us with rights and liberties; we got them from God! In other words, we are dependent on God, and that initial dependence is the foundation of our independence, as a people and a nation. We must never lose sight as a nation that that is part of what we celebrate on Independence Day and indeed on every day of our lives. God bless America.

Yours in Christ,
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