



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday

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RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

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

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the parish 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.

Check out our websites

holycrossover.org
iccmaryl.org

- *Read daily reflections by our clergy*
- *Watch Masses from various sources*
- *Find spiritual readings*
- *Read about our latest updates*

Watch the website for the Easter Vigil Mass that has been taped at Holy Cross Church.

Above all else keep praying.

While we are not allowing anyone into the parish offices, you can call and leave messages and we will get back to you.; or, you can email us.

Following the directives of our Bishop, the churches will remain locked until further notice. No Masses, no confessions, no baptisms, no gatherings of any type. Funerals will be graveside only and limited to 10 persons including clergy.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC) ending March 29

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$25,323	\$28,000	(\$2,677)
YTD	\$1,091,856	\$1,107,400	(\$15,544)
Needs	\$1,430	\$1,586	(\$156)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending March 29

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$1,766
Second	\$20

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs, and activities of Holy Cross and ICC are made possible.

“Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold.”

Please continue to mail in your contributions during this time that we cannot gather together at Mass. It is through your support that we can continue to operate the parish.

You can also Sign up for Faith Direct or call the office to leave your name and phone number if you wish to make your contribution by a credit card.

We will call you back .

Thank you for your continued support.

Dear Parishioners,

It's Easter, Christ is risen from the dead, and he is out of his tomb. He is neither in lockdown, nor is he sheltering-in-place or self-isolating. He is risen, and his rising is Good News for each and every one of us. His rising from the dead lets us know that the power of God transcends all of the troubles in all of the corners in all of the world. And so, though we may be locked down, and feel isolated, we know that God's Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, conquered death, brings the hope of new life, and the hope of heaven to each and every one of us.

And I know that we are each grasping for that new life, in the form of going back to our old life, as it was just a month and a half ago. And certainly, we look forward to that day; but for us today is about living the life of a people who know that Christ suffered, died and rose that they might have eternal life. And we need to live the life of a people who place their trust in the Resurrection. I remember my Third Grade Teacher, Sr. Fabian, once saying, "some people live their lives as if they have forgotten that Christ died and rose for them." We can't be those "some people" that live their lives that way. We have to be a people of the Resurrection. Whether we travel around the world, or whether, right now, we just travel between the kitchen, living room and bedroom. Our bodies may be trapped inside at the moment, but Christ has freed our souls to make that journey from Earth to Heaven.

A Small Taste of Resurrection. With that being said, let me reflect a moment on the radical power of Christ's Resurrection on this Easter Sunday. And let me contextualize in the concept of illness, which is probably appropriate in this era of the Coronavirus. I'm sure we have all been ill at one time or another. But, if you have ever been really ill, you know how bad that feels. If you've ever had that illness when even your hair hurts when you roll over on it. You know what I mean. You know how bad being really ill can be. But, on that first day when you know what you had has passed, and you are back to health and feeling good again, you get a small taste of Resurrection. Similarly, if you have ever been depressed about something that just weighed on you, day in and day out, and then things suddenly are set aright and looking brighter, you get a small taste of the Resurrection. When you're at the DMV and waiting for a while, when you are finally called, you get a small taste of the Resurrection. And, so it is and will be that when our current period of lockdown and isolation come to an end. When "the walls come a tumblin' down" (as John Cougar Mellencamp sang in his 80s hit "Crumblyin' Down"), we will, all of us, get a small taste of the Resurrection.

A Full Taste of Resurrection. The Season of Easter, which begins today on Easter Sunday, gives us a full taste and a full understanding of what a true, actual Resurrection – the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus

Christ – means for us! This is Easter! This is the day around which the Church year is built. And if you want to know why, read on!

Apple's Terms and Conditions. Easter's significance beckons us back to Adam and Eve. They committed that original, prideful sin of disobedience by eating the fruit (traditionally identified as an apple) from the one tree from which they were forbidden by God to eat. That was the original sin that put a gaping wound in the relationship between God and man. Thus, mankind lost paradise and its perfect relationship with God. Over time God tried to set things right by way of covenants, by the sacrificial system, etc. But all of those instituted agreements relied on fallible man also abiding by them. Breaking news: Mankind did not. Man's side of the covenants always wound up unfulfilled. In the fullness of time, God sent his only Son into the world as its Messiah – a messiah both to the Jewish people and to the world. This Messiah, Jesus Christ, ultimately instituted a new and everlasting covenant in his blood. Christ was the incarnation of God in the world and He showed us how to live and exist as God would want. He was faithful to his mission of salvation – even to the point of death.

Perfectly Divine (and Human). Amidst this scenario, Christ made a Covenant in which he represented both the human and the Divine side of it. This Covenant would be sealed in his blood; thus, his sacrifice was the perfect one in which he was the offeror (priest) and the offering (victim). His sacrifice was so perfect that all of man's past deeds and deeds yet-to-come could be forgiven, and his place in creation could be restored.

Rising Up the Charts. Let's jump forward in time for a minute: In 1979, band leader Herb Albert (of Tijuana Brass fame), who had been a superstar in the 60s, came back to life on the music charts with the appropriately titled "Rise." This instrumental hit, "Rise," served to resurrect his career, and brought the same guy back to the music scene, but with a new rhythmic Latin/disco sound, he was also different than before. Bearing in mind this reference from my pop music Pez Dispenser, I want to correlate this "Rise" moment to the Resurrection moment. So, what was a sign that the new and everlasting covenant came into force with its desired effect? Simply put, it was Christ's Resurrection, his rising. Yes, Jesus Christ was risen from the dead, but this was not merely some resuscitation event; it was much more. After Christ's Resurrection, Jesus was the same person as he was before his Passion, but his body had now been glorified. He is the same Christ, but now back with us, and for us, in a different glorified manner.

Easter Presence. The resurrected Christ continues to be present to his people even today, and until the end of time, in the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist. He is raised and present to us in that Sacrament just as he was to his disciples back in the first century. In the

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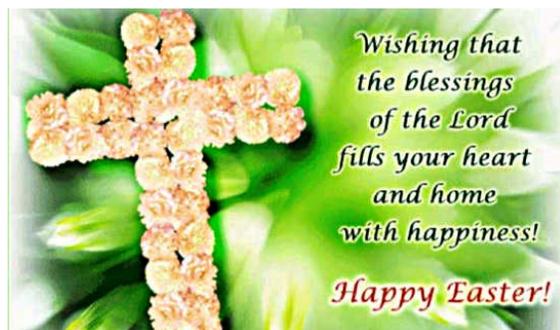
wake of His Resurrection, Christ showed himself to many of his followers, after which he would ascend to Heaven and sent forth his Spirit into the Church so that it might continue to preach His message of hope and redemption to the world.

And so, it goes, that on Easter and in the Easter Season, we remind ourselves and the world that Christ has opened the gates of heaven to mankind once again and restored the ability of mankind to again have the hope of final rest in heaven. God’s promise that he would abide with his people was lived out in Christ’s death and Resurrection – and on that first Easter morning mankind became a new creation, a redeemed people. And that is reason to celebrate.

The Shirelles, in their early 1960s hit “Will You (Still) Love Me Tomorrow,” pondered “Is this a lasting treasure or just a moment’s pleasure... will you still love me tomorrow?” Christ’s Resurrection wasn’t for Him, it was for us, thus it was not a “moment’s pleasure” just for his friends and followers in the first century; it was, and is, a “lasting treasure” for mankind, yesterday, today, tomorrow, *secula seculorum*. And so, we needn’t ask the question to Christ, “Will you still love me tomorrow?” – his Resurrection on that Easter Sunday, all those years ago, answers that question with a resounding “Yes!” And Alleluia for that! He is Risen! We are Redeemed!

On behalf of the Priests, Deacons and Staff of Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception Parishes, I wish you and your family a joyful and happy Easter Sunday and Easter Season!

Yours in Christ,
 Fr. James Lentini
 Pastor



FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Some daily Mass information for you to use during this time where we cannot attend Mass in the church. Also check out our website for local Mass.

- Bishop Robert Barron is posting his daily Mass online at <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>
- Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York is live streaming their daily Mass at <https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live>
- EWTN lives streams their daily Mass each weekday at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. at <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live>

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Our Lenten sacrifices have hopefully put us into greater solidarity with all who suffer. Rejoice in your love and overcoming hardship together.

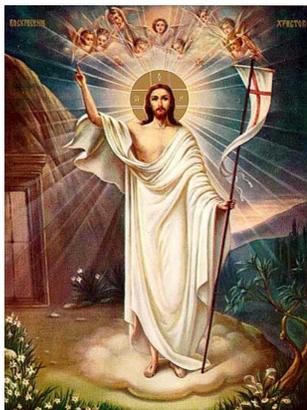
PARENTING POINTERS

It is a time for us to remember that even when we are hurt or in pain, Jesus is with us and understands - and that is good. He overcame death and so will we.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace
You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You. Never permit
me to be separated from You.

Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL

13 MONDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Ciccardi Pasquale
14 TUESDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Ester Pura
15 WEDNESDAY	
HC 8:15 am	Helen Olechnowicz
16 THURSDAY	
HC 8 am	Mary Brennan
17 FRIDAY	
HC 8 am	Giunco Cosimo
18 SATURDAY	
HC 8 am	Cindy Connaughton
HC 5 pm	Gregory Shoudis & Debra Shoudis Petrovich
19 SUNDAY	
HC 7:30 am	Constance & James Dougherty
ICC 8:30 am	
HC 9:15 am	Dec Mem Durk and Kerr Family
ICC 10:30 am	
HC 11 am	Marjorie Mikula
HC 1 pm	Maya Filio
ICC 1 pm	
HC 6 pm	Cheryl Ann Morse

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

MASS INTENTIONS

While there are no public Masses at this time, our priests will be saying private Masses each day. During their private Masses, the intentions of the day will be remembered. On the weekend, the priests will be saying several private Masses to cover all of the intentions that occur on the weekend. Your loved ones will still be remembered in prayer.

LAYMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND

The Malvern Retreat House is temporarily suspending all gatherings, including our upcoming Archbishop Fitzmaurice Retreat.

YOUNG AT HEART

There will be no meetings for April or May. We will start meeting again next September. Stay home and stay safe. We love you all!!



SURVIVING WITHOUT THE SACRAMENTS - FROM BISHOP MALOOLY

Following the best guidance of the scientific community and the legitimate restrictions on public life placed by our state governments, our churches are closed, and we do not have access to the sacraments at this time. I am not going to take any unnecessary risks to this mandate by making exceptions. I have to be a good citizen, and I have to follow my conscience and not put anyone in danger.

Today, we are being invited to lean all the more into our faith to draw strength and peace from Christ our Savior. Jesus has never abandoned his Church, and he is not doing so now. God's grace, certainly present in the sacraments, is not bound by them. God can—and does—come to us by grace when we are unable to receive him sacramentally. Though for different reasons, this is not new to this area. When Catholicism first came to our area, many of our communities would have to wait weeks, if not months, for a priest to come to baptize, witness marriages, hear confessions, and say Mass.

Today, we are waiting for the day when we can return to our parishes and celebrate the sacraments, but we can take comfort in the knowledge that by staying home, we are fulfilling the second great commandment—to love our neighbor—by doing all we can to slow the spread of this disease and protect the most vulnerable among us. We are reminded that every suffering and longing—including our longing for the sacraments—will be followed by the glory of Easter. Please join me in praying for the Lord's blessing and a quick end to this disease so that we can return to our churches.



PRAY FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, CAREGIVERS, AND RESEARCHERS

God, as more people get sick, healthcare workers and first responders are working longer hours with fewer supplies and with more risk of contracting the new coronavirus themselves. Renew their energy and sustain them on long shifts. Bring Your protection upon them as they work with patients. Multiply their supplies so they have the protective items needed to stay safe on the job. Inspire and invigorate the research doctors developing better tests to diagnose the virus, create vaccines to prevent it, and identify protocols to eliminate the disease's spread.

PRAY FOR FAMILIES ADJUSTING TO NEW WAYS OF LIFE.

Holy Spirit, as families adjust to everyone being home as businesses and schools close, we ask that You guide people in their new realities. Give spouses grace for each other. Prompt worn-out parents to speak words of kindness and encouragement to their children. Help children find creative ways to experience the beauty of all You have created and continue learning.

PRAY FOR GROCERY STORE WORKERS AND DELIVERY DRIVERS.

Lord, we are so grateful for all the people who continue to work each day so that people are able to eat. We ask that You bless and protect them as they serve. Give them grace to handle disgruntled customers during supplies shortages. Keep their bodies healthy as they unload and stock boxes of supplies. Keep their cars and trucks running smoothly as they deliver needed supplies and food people have ordered online. And please protect them all from contracting the new coronavirus.

PRAY FOR PEOPLE AT HIGHER RISK OF DEVELOPING THE DISEASE.

Dear Lord, we lift to You our concern for people who are more likely than others to become severely ill from COVID-19 — the elderly and people with chronic health conditions. Protect them from harm and be their comfort in this time of uncertainty and, for many, preventive isolation from loved ones.

SAMARITAN FOOD NEEDS (HC)

The Samaritan Food Pantry is collecting items to help with the great demands being placed on them during this crisis.



Please leave perishable items in the freezer by the Samaritan pick up door and non perishable items can be left there also. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

READINGS FOR APRIL 12 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:42-47

Day after day the Lord added to the number of the disciples those who were being saved.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 1:3-9

By his great mercy, God the Father has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

The disciples received the wondrous gift of peace from the Lord Jesus when they were locked away in a state of fear.

- EL POR ORDEN DEL OBISPO LA IGLESIA ESTARA CERRADA HASTA NUEVO AVISO, ESTO INCLUYE LA CAPILLA DE ADORACION.
 - Si todos colaboramos y nos quedamos en casa estaremos ayudando a controlar la propagación del COVID-19. Si seguimos las recomendaciones del gobierno y del departamento de salud todo regresará a la normalidad pronto. "QUEDATE EN CASA"
 - Con la suspensión de las misas publicas nuestra parroquia se ve desafiada por la ausencia de la contribución financiera que hacen los feligreses, necesitamos su apoyo para que podamos funcionar y mantener las operaciones básicas de la parroquia y pagar los gastos necesarios de la parroquia. Le pedimos que sea generoso en estos tiempos de incertidumbre que vive el mundo en estos tiempos. Vaya a la pagina principal y haga su donativo. Sobre todo, le pedimos sus oraciones para que pronto podamos regresar a la normalidad.
 - La Misa dominical se transmitirá en vivo desde nuestra parroquia Holy Cross conéctese con la familia parroquia virtualmente. Escuche la misa del Domingo de Ramos desde Holy Cross en nuestro nuevo YouTube canal HolyCross-DE. Estará disponible este domingo a partir de las 7:30 a.m.
 - Prepárese para la Santa Misa con su familia. ¿Como hacerlo?
1. Prepare un espacio Sagrado, ponga una mesa con un mantel o tapete, coloca algunos artículos religiosos, un crucifijo, una biblia,

Vela (apagar cuando termine), imágenes de María y el santo Rosario

2. Levanten sus corazones, sus mentes, sus voces y sus cuerpos.
3. Haga los gesto y posturas necesarios de pararse, sentarse y arrodillarse. Cada postura que asumimos en la misa enfatiza y refuerza el significado de la acción en el momento de la misa, tiene un sentido profundo.
 - α. Nos ponemos de pie como signo de respeto y honor.
Nos sentamos para escuchar y meditar
Nos arrodillamos para adorar
4. **Haga un Acto de Comunión Espiritual**

Creo, Jesús mío, que estás real y verdaderamente en el cielo
y en el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar.
Te amo sobre todas las cosas, y deseo vivamente recibirte
dentro de mi alma, pero no pudiendo hacerlo ahora sacramentalmente, ven al menos espiritualmente a mi corazón. Y como si ya te hubiese recibido, te abrazo y me uno del todo a Ti. Señor, no permitas que jamás me aparte de Ti. Amén
San Alfonso María de Ligorio
5. Reflexione y dialoga con la familia acerca de las lecturas y la homilía que escucho.
6. Agradece a Dios por las bendiciones que nos da todos los días y por la Santa Misa y no olvide de rezar por sus sacerdotes.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC, ICC) REGULAR CCD/SRE CLASSES

- All Masses and classes are cancelled at this time. Please continue to check the website or the latest resources that are online.
 - www.holycrossdover.org
 - www.iccmaryladel.org
- Parents are being sent, via email, resources for your children's classes.
- If you have any questions, contact Alicia at ICC at dre@iccmaryladel.org or her office at 410-482-8939; or contact Tammy at HC at her office 302-674-5787, ext 121, or her email at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org

SRE REGISTRATIONS (ICC)

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 school year are available on the website or you can email office for them to be sent to you.

Fees are as follows: \$40 per child, not to exceed \$150 per family. This is to defray all costs of books, materials, and supplies.

LAS MATRICULAS: para nuestro programa de formación cristiana de niños en domingo están todavía disponibles en el despacho parroquial, en la entrada principal del templo, y en el internet. Favor de solicitarlas en lo más pronto posible, con la cobra de \$40 por cada niño, y no más de \$150 cada familia.

YOUTH GROUP: (HC)

Please join us for the next 3 Sundays at 5 pm for Youth Group - LFTN.CO/LIFENIGHT

We can't meet in person, but please share this link with your friends.

PEER LEADERS (HC)

If you are interested in helping next year with classes and retreats, please email Mrs. Darling at ldarling@holycrossdover.org. She will keep up with you via Flocknotes until we can meet in person.

REGISTRATION FOR HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

At Holy Cross School, we believe a Catholic education is a unique and invaluable learning experience. Why? We nurture the ongoing, daily influence of the Holy Spirit in the spiritual, intellectual, and physical growth of our students and families.

As our mission states we "provide an academically rich, faith-filled learning environment, thus ensuring a Catholic values-based education. At Holy Cross we strive to convey a sense of justice, peace, compassion, and respect for all God's creation". As a Catholic school, we instill in our students a life long commitment to learning as well as prepare them to be models of Christian values.

This faith is what has carried our school through the most difficult of times. When you enroll your child into Holy Cross School, you are becoming a member of a large faith-filled family. Academically, during this transition to online instruction our students continued to learn daily due to our systems in place from day one of the stay-at-home orders. Our students have learned new content from teachers who discovered new ways of delivering their instruction.

Holy Cross School is accepting applications for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

Please contact the school:

Our website is holycrossdover.org/school

Download an application form and mail it into the parish office.

You may also call 302-674-5787 x113; please leave your name and phone contact and we will call you back.



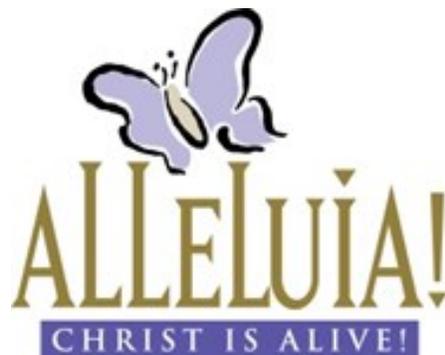
On behalf of the entire Holy Cross School community, we join you in rejoicing the Atonement and shout Alleluia for Christ's immense love for all his people! Together, as community, let us join in rejoicing and praising Jesus for His selflessness and deep love for humanity.



“He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’”

[Luke 24:6-7](#)

*Extending wishes for a blessed Easter to all in
Holy Cross Parish
and School.*



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce* this to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." Matthew 28:5-10

Christ the Lord is risen today! Hallelujah! Happy Easter, fellow parishioners!

The joy of Easter is something we're used to celebrating together. Saint Thomas More Academy has proudly hosted Easter Mass for at least three years in a row. (What a perfect use of our school facility, bringing current and former students' families and the larger community together to celebrate the reason for our shared faith!) Easter means the Sacrament of the Eucharist at Mass alongside our Christian family, Easter dresses, family gatherings with abundant food and plenty of Easter candy... and yet, this year is unlike any other. Father Lentini reminds us that we can share in Spiritual Communion, which reminds me, and hopefully you, that even despite restrictions, fear, and loss during this world health crisis, we have much to be grateful for. Maybe this is an opportunity to focus in on the true meaning of Easter....

Easter is not about bunnies, candy, fancy hats, or even about parties with loved ones. Easter does not lose its meaning when celebrated separated and alone. Easter is God's gift to each of us, and would be a gift still offered if it were only offered for you alone. So, take heart! Celebrate Easter with Christ in a way that you may have forgotten to do if all of our normal celebrations were still in order. Spend time in prayer, with scripture, in Spiritual Communion, and in thanksgiving. I am sure the joy of Easter will not pass you over!



Speaking of joy....

I'd like to thank the students of STMA Campus Ministry and Student Ambassador clubs, under the direction of Ms. Kayleigh Karnbach, for helping elementary students to prepare to celebrate Easter joy at Holy Cross School during the Lenten season. Thank you, as well, to Holy Cross administration and faculty for giving us the chance to share our faith as a full school community. Check out some of their handiwork!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachael A. Casey".

Rachael A. Casey
Principal

