

CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

August 30, 2020

22nd 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
No choirs at the Masses at the present time; a cantor will be available for the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 am
During Lent, Monday-Friday, 12:10 pm also
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am-Midnight (CLOSED DUE TO COVID)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Friday 9 am-noon, closed Wednesday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 7 pm, Spanish
Saturday, 9 am, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, after 9:00 am Mass
Thursday, 6:30 pm



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Matthew 16:24

Jesus Discourses with His Disciples by James Tissot, circa 1886 and 1894
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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

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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.

THIS WEEK (HC OR ICC)

Check out our websites

holycrossover.org

iccmaryl.org

Holy Cross Church is unlocked and available for private prayer. The doors will be open from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday, and 7 am to 7 pm on Sunday.

Immaculate Conception will be open daily 9 am to 7 pm.

Daily Mass at HC at 8 am Monday through Saturday. Weekend Masses at Holy Cross are Saturday evening 5 pm, Sunday at 7:30 and 9:30 am, 11:30 am Spanish.

Weekend Masses at ICC are Sunday at 8:30 and 11 am, and 1 pm Spanish. Also a 9 am Mass on Saturday morning in Spanish

We are limiting access to the parish offices, so you can buzz when you stop by, or call and leave messages and we will get back to you; or, you can email us.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

ending August 16

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$18,426	\$27,200	(\$8,774)
YTD	\$166,960	\$192,000	(\$25,040)
Needs	\$1,155	\$1,550	(\$395)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending August 16

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$1,866
Second	\$111

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. May are still not attending Mass but we still need your support. 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,

Last week's column was on the topic of the Queenship of Mary — August 22. So, for equal time for the other monarchical types, this column will be on the topic of kings, specifically kings who were saints (or perhaps more precisely, saints who were kings in the earthly realm). And to put some context on this column, let's start with a little bit of music from the 1960s: *"Trailers for sale or rent / rooms to let, fifty cents. / No phone, no pool, no pets / I ain't got no cigarettes / ah, but, two hours of pushin' broom / buys an eight-by-twelve four-bit room / I'm a man of means by no means / King of the road."* In 1964, singer Roger Miller hit #4 on the pop music charts with this memorable slow-moving country ditty. Though long gone, the memory of that song lingers in the back of my head — its stored back there along "King Creole" (Elvis Presley), "King Tut" (Steve Martin), "King of Pain" (The Police) and "Rain King" (Counting Crows). But as memorable as these King-songs are, I wonder if they will stand the test of time like many of our Catholic kings who became saints. This issue's column is written about several famous Catholic kings who lived lives worthy of heaven.

A Seine Ruler: St. Louis, King of France. The rock group Stories stormed the charts with the #1 hit "Brother Louie" in 1973, a memorable tune; but even more memorable and an even bigger hit with me is King Louis IX: a king, and a great saint. A plethora of kings named "Louis" wound through France's monarchy, like the Seine River winds through Paris. There were 16 of 'em in all. But only one of them, King Louis IX, was canonized a saint. And as a point of useless trivia, this is the Louis for whom the city of St. Louis, Missouri is named.

King Louis became King of France at age 12. He married his Queen, Marguerite, at age 19, and they had 11 children. Louis IX was a very devout Catholic; he sought to keep peace in his Kingdom, and implement fair laws. It is said that King Louis would regularly invite a dozen or so members of the poorest of the poor of his Kingdom to dine with him and even served them at times. He listened to what they had to say. It was these qualities: peacefulness, fairness and charity along with the sheer strength of his personality and his sense of holiness that allowed Louis to keep France in peace during his reign as well as earn him the respect of his people. Louis spent much money to improve his Kingdom, building schools, hospitals, churches and monasteries throughout France. In defending his faith, he led the not-to-successful Seventh Crusade in 1248 and died in 1270 while on the Eighth Crusade in Tunisia. He was canonized a saint in 1297

and to this day remains the only French king who is a saint. His feast day is August 25.

A Golden Guy: St. Olaf, King of Norway. On TV's *The Golden Girls* in the 1980's Betty White's character, Rose, who was Norwegian, would frequently tell stories from her very-Scandinavian home town in Minnesota, called St. Olaf. Well, lo and behold, it turns out not only is there a town in Minnesota called St. Olaf (it's in the central-west part of the state), but the saint for which it is named was a Norwegian King!

King Olaf II of Norway started out as a Viking warrior-king, with a belief in the pagan gods of Norse mythology. During the time he spent in the Catholic kingdom of France, Olaf had a conversion experience and was soon thereafter baptized. Upon returning to Norway, the King began to spread his new found Christian faith. He promulgated "Olaf's Law" which used Christ as the focal point for all law and activity. Now, this was not immediately a popular move and some of the followers of the pagan Norse gods did not get on board for many years (I guess they were "Thor losers"). But, certainly, Olaf's conversion did mark the beginning of a progressive Christianization of Norway. Following a brief exile due to a Danish invasion (this refers to an army from Denmark, not an onslaught of breakfast pastry), Olaf returned to Norway in 1031 to face down the Danish invaders. On July 29, 1031, Olaf was felled by the blow of an axe defending his faith and his people. It must be added that Olaf was not deemed by many to be a holy type of guy during his lifetime, however, his bravery and faith in facing death, along with reports of miracles occurring at his tomb quickly turned minds and hearts. King Olaf died a martyr's death and was recognized a saint by the Vatican in 1164. His feast day is July 29.

Hungary for Power: St. Stephen, King of Hungary. There are those kings who are saints (many are listed in this column), and there are kings who are not just saints, but are saints surrounded by saints. King Stephen I of Hungary, the father of the Hungarian nation, is once such person. Not only is Stephen a saint, but his wife Blessed Gisella of Ungarn is also a saint. His brother-in-law, Henry, who was Holy Roman Emperor Henry II, was a saint (and his wife Cunegunda, also a saint). St. Stephen's son Emeric became a saint. And Emeric's tutor, Gerard Sagredo, likewise became a saint. Even St. Stephen's key advisor, Astricus, became a saint. I'd say that if sainthood is contagious, St. Stephen was a carrier. He spawned more saints than Carter has Little Liver Pills (for those under the age of 50 that

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PRO LIFE CORNER

During this difficult time of Coronavirus Disease, abortion procedures continue throughout the U.S. and in Dover. Abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood are classified as ESSENTIAL SERVICES! You can save lives in Dover by praying with Holy Cross and other local church groups on Friday mornings from 9 AM – noon at Planned Parenthood of Dover or by praying at home. If you pray at Planned Parenthood, please follow Governor Carney’s Social Distancing Guidelines.

Also, remember to pray for the most vulnerable and seniors who are most susceptible to the Coronavirus

MEN OF HOLY CROSS (NEW HIGH TECH VIDEO-CONFERENCE MEETINGS)

Are you a male between the ages of 18 and 99? Do you wish to learn more about prayer, faith and your vocation? Do you want to become a stronger father, husband or son? Do you want to build lasting friendships with catholic faith minded men? Join the Men of Holy Cross for our weekly meetings: Since the Corona virus and social distancing we have been meeting on Zoom Teleconference and it has been working out great. Just type in or click on the following link and it will automatically guide you through the Zoom Meeting application, set up and joining the meeting. <https://zoom.us/j/930861480> Wednesday mornings at 6:30 AM for prayer, gospel reflections, Church teachings and timely discussions. If you want more information please contact us at 302-313-6935 or email MenOfHolyCross@gmail.com.

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 6 23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: ECCLESIASTICUS 27:30—28:7
 The cure for bad memories is to remember the things of God.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 14:7-9

Life and death only have meaning when they are lived for something more than ourselves.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

There is no limit to forgiveness, because heaven is eternal forgiveness.

RCIA (HC)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who has an interest in the Catholic Faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is holding Zoom meetings on Sunday mornings at 9:00AM to 10:30 AM. If you are interested please send an email to Deacon Vince

at vpisano@holycrossover.org and an invitation will be sent to you to join our Zoom meeting. Even if you are already a Catholic and wish to learn more you are welcome to join.

Zoom meetings are easy and fun. All you need is a computer with a camera and microphone. The rest is easy. You are in the comfort of your own home. Any questions or for more information you can also email those to Deacon Vince.

VOCATIONS

A study commissioned by the Knights of Columbus revealed that 75% of Catholic young people who had seriously considered religious life felt they were never encouraged to pursue that goal. Do you know someone who would make a good priest? Why not tell him so? Your encouragement may be all he needs.

Serra for priestly and religious

REFLECTION BOOKS

Immaculate Conception Church is going to order for the coming seasons. If you would like to order reflection books for the Liturgical seasons, please place an envelope in the collection with your name, address, phone number, and \$5.00

You will receive 3 books for a total cost of \$5.00.

1. Little Blue Book – Advent/Christmas Season Reflections begin Nov. 29, 2020 end Jan. 10, 2021
2. Little Black Book – Lent Reflections begin Feb. 14, 2021, end April 4, 2021
3. Little White Book – Easter Season Reflections begin April 5, 2021, end May 23, 2021

Each book arrives separately and are distributed before each season begins. Any questions contact Marilyn Dixon, at 410-482-7687 or mdixon@iccmaryladel.org

MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST

31 MONDAY

HC 6:30 am Pasquale Lentini
 HC 8:00 am Howard Rowlands

1 TUESDAY

HC 6:30 am
 HC 8:00 am Susan Adams

2 WEDNESDAY

HC 6:30 am
 HC 8:00 am Fred DeGenova

3 THURSDAY

HC 6:30 am
 HC 8:00 am Emma Zapanta Donato
 ICC 7 pm For the People

4 FRIDAY

HC 6:30 am
 HC 8:00 am Peter Bell

5 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Stefania Glaz
 HC 5 pm Valentine & Asuncion Insaio

6 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Susan Adams
 ICC 8:30 am Robin Parker
 HC 9:30 am Elpidio Unlaxao Lascano
 HC 11:30 am Emma Zapanta Donato
 ICC 11 am Marlene De Francesco
 ICC 1 pm For the People
 HC 6 pm Margie Galli

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

Any intentions listed at a time where we do not have a public Mass, will be honored by the priests as they say their private Masses. On the weekend, the priests will be saying other private Masses to cover all of the intentions that occur on the weekend when we do not have a public Mass. Your loved ones will still be remembered in prayer.



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SUNDAY MASS LIVE-STREAM
 FROM THE
CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER
 IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
NEW DAY & TIME
 WATCH LIVE SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:30
 OR WATCH THE REPLAY ANYTIME
www.YouTube.com/DIOCESEOFWILM

NO SCHEDULE FOR
MASS MINISTERS
AT THIS TIME.

PLEASE COME
FORWARD TO HELP
DISTRIBUTE
HOLY COMMUNION
AT THE MASS YOU
ATTEND. THE PRIEST
WILL INDICATE HOW
MANY EXTRA-
ORDINARY
MINISTERS ARE
NEEDED.

NEWEST MEMBERS (HC)

We welcome our newest members who have just registered with the parish. Please make them feel welcomed :

- *Jeff, Jean, Abel and Azaria Watts*
- *Christopher, Kimberly, Madison and Sara Willoughby*

NEWLY BAPTIZED (HC)

We welcome our newest baptized member into our community:

- *Nyle Rayne Mendonza*

DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories have been in the Parish Office for the past few months. Unfortunately we have not been able to distribute them due to the COVID situation. We hope to arrange for a weekend in the near future. If you would like to stop by the office to pick up your copy, please call ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it for you to pick up. Please do not just show up to pick up your copy. We need to know ahead of time since we are limiting access to the office area. Sorry for this inconvenience.

RETURNING TO MASS

At present, we have the following guidelines to help keep everyone safe:

- Attendees are to **wear a face covering** when inside the Church (those under 13 do not have to wear a covering, and those 2-and-under are advised not to wear a covering).
- Pews have been marked off to accommodate social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer is available as you enter the church.
- **When receiving Holy Communion, please remember to stay socially distanced.** We encourage you to receive Holy Communion in your hand, but **if you wish to receive on the tongue, you are asked to be at the end of the Communion line.** There will be no Cup distributed at this time.
- As you leave the church, please **do not gather in the Gathering Space** or parking lot.

Since we are not scheduling ministers to assist at the Masses as of yet, we do appreciate the Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion who volunteer to step forward at the Mass they are attending to help distribute communion. Thank you.

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.



At this time we are really in need of the following: roaster chickens, turkey, ham, ground beef assorted beans and rice .

The Samaritans also appreciate any monetary donations that have been sent in. Thank you for thinking of your needy brothers and sisters.

YOUNG AT HEART (HC)

Young at Heart Seniors will not start meeting in the Fall. We will inform you when the meetings

will start again. Stay home, stay safe, and stay healthy.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

When you were baptized, confirmed, married, you probably had positive expectations about how this commitment would work out. And then one learns that faith and marriage can be challenging, even disappointing at times. It's not all bliss and beauty. But still we hang on because underneath it all is someone who loves us - despite our failings.

PARENTING POINTERS

When life seems to go wrong for your child, reflect on the problems you've faced in your own life. Often it is the mistakes or failures that form us into the person we are. How have you grown from a mistake?

Horario Temporal de las Misas Dominicales en

Holy Cross son: HOLY CROSS: En inglés - Sábado por la tarde a las 5:00 p.m., domingo a las 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., En Español 11:30 a.m. **LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN**: Domingo: En inglés o: 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Español: Jueves a las 6:00 de la tarde, Sábado a las 9:00 de la mañana y el domingo a la 1:00 de la tarde. Por favor tenemos tres MISAS en español

Escoja una de las misas que desea asistir, no tiene que ir a todas las misas así alivia la conglomeración de la misa dominical y nos estará ayudando a obedecer las reglas de la pandemia Las reglas de la pandemia siguen en vigor .Todos tenemos que poner de nuestra parte y seguir las regulaciones gubernamentales de usar mascarillas en lugares públicos, distanciamiento social, lavarnos las manos con frecuencia ,si está enfermo quédese en casa y si respetamos estas reglas, juntos podremos salir adelante y superar como iglesia, como comunidad los grandes desafíos que estamos enfrentando con esta epidemia. Protegemos nuestra salud y la salud del hermano especialmente los más vulnerables. Las Confesiones en Holy Cross son los sábados de 8:45 a 10 de la mañana. En la Inmaculada Concepción después de la misa de las 9 de la mañana hasta las 11 de la mañana.

NUEVA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL 2020-2021:

Las inscripciones para el año escolar están disponibles en el sitio web o pueden llamar o enviar un correo electrónico a la oficina para que se lo envíen. Por favor inscribise antes del 1 de agosto, para que podamos hacer los planes necesarios para el año y

ordenar libros, materiales y suministros. A medida que trabajamos en el plan para el nuevo año escolar, para garantizar la seguridad de todos los estudiantes y sus familias, y los actualizaremos a todos cuando tengamos una agenda finalizada. Para la parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción habrá inscripciones después de la misa los jueves y después de la misa en español los domingos.

VBS, Escuela Bíblica de Verano 2020

Celebraremos nuestra Escuela Bíblica de Verano totalmente diferente este año. Es una oportunidad para que toda la familia participe en casa y estamos entusiasmados de ofrecer una Escuela Bíblica de Verano llamada "Descubriendo nuestros tesoros familiares" para nuestros estudiantes de Pre-K hasta 6to grado! Esta es una oportunidad creativa para que usted y su (s) hijo (s) descubran juntos los tesoros escondidos que la fe trae a su familia. Tiene que inscribirse para recibir el material para este programa como una VBS en una bolsa! ;Tenemos 6 sesiones que se empaquetarán con algunos "tesoros" para que sus hijos disfruten! Cada sesión incluye: oración de apertura, historia bíblica, actividad de enriquecimiento, manualidades relacionadas, santo testigo y refrigerio Tendremos las "Bolsas VBS" listas para recoger el 2 de agosto. A medida que nos acerquemos a esa fecha, les avisaremos cuando pueden recoger su paquete. Las inscripciones cierran el 24 de julio, para que tengamos tiempo de preparar las bolsas. Simplemente envíe un correo electrónico a dre@icmarydel.org o llame al 410-482-8939 para registrarse. Incluya la edad y el nombre de cada niño y un número de teléfono de contacto.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION (HC)

Registration for the 2020-2021 Religious Education Program is now open. The Registration forms can be obtained at <https://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation> and may be emailed back to tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or dropped off/mailed to the Parish Office. Please note, payment is NOT due at the time of registration. We would appreciate the forms back ASAP as we need adequate time to plan for the new year. Because of COVID, the class formats may change. We will update with any changes as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

CHANGES TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM FOR 2020-2021 (HC)

Changes will be seen in the Religious Education curriculum. In Kindergarten through 7th grade we will be "Christ Our Life" series through Loyola Press. Loyola Press promises to bring some useful on-line parent and student resources. 8th grade will be using Loyola Press's "Called to Be Catholic" and the Ignatius Press "YouCat" and "YouCat Study guide" to help prepare for their 9th grade confirmation. The Living as a Family of Faith Family Catechesis (LAFF) program will be moving on to the 4th series in the Sophia Institute series "A Family of Faith: Christian Prayer". Any questions in regard to these changes may be directed to Tammy Korosec, Coordinator of Religious Education at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or by calling (302) 674-5787 X 122.

2019-2020 1ST COMMUNICANTS (HC)

The 1st Holy Communion for the 2019-2020 second grade class has been tentatively rescheduled for October 3rd. Further details will come out as soon as everything is confirmed. If this date is inconvenient for your family please contact Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302)674-5787 X 122 as soon as possible.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION (HC)

Registration Confirmation 2021

If you have not returned your registration materials for Confirmation Preparation, please turn them in as soon as possible.

PARENT MEETING

There will be an information meeting for parents of teens preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, August 30 OR Monday, August 31 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. We ask at least one parent to please be present at one of these meetings.

KEEP PRAYING THOSE NEWLY CONFIRMED (HC & ICC)

Please continue to pray for our 84 teens from Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception parishes who were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. A special thank you to the priests, deacons, volunteers and peer leaders who shared their faith with our teens this year. To the ladies who worked so hard to sew masks for the teens, thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC) NEW REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021

school year are available on the website or you can Call/email office for them to be sent to you.

We will have a registration following Masses in the grass area next to the parking lot, and we are asking that you please register, so we are able to make necessary plans for the year and order books, materials, and supplies. It only takes 5 minutes.

As we work on the plan for the new school year, we are working to ensure the safety of all students and families, and will update you all when we have our plan in place.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions to Alicia Poppiti at dre@iccmarylodel.org or 410-482-8939.

CONFIRMATION FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR (ICC)

Forms have been mailed out to those youth that will be preparing this year.

Please fill out forms and mail back as soon as possible so that we can prepare our plan and materials for the year.

The anticipation of it all begins long before the actual event. Now, in that statement I could well be talking about the return to school; and for some that statement may be right on target. However, it's the excitement, the planning, talking about it with friends; there's the begging, the pleading with mom and dad for that one perfect costume for Halloween night that I'm talking about. Halloween night is a huge event in my town. My husband and I enjoy seeing the variety and creativity of the costumes donned for the evening's events. It's a fun occasion that is much enjoyed by all ages. I think part of the fun includes trying to guess who's behind the mask.

I remember the one year when I was still in the classroom that one of my students and his mom came to school with a plastic bag filled with beads. The beads were of different colors, primarily purple, gold, and green. I didn't have any idea what the intended purpose was. Mom was pretty excited about the contents of the bag, and her son was slightly embarrassed. Making his way to his seat, trying to remain invisible; his mom proceeded to explain the intent of the beads. She wanted ALL of the eighth graders to WEAR THEM! I guess I was looking a little confused, but she just looked back at me and said Happy Mardi Gras! Well, okay then.... So, after prayers I dutifully distributed the beads and asked her son to take the rest over to the other eighth grade homeroom. Up until that point, all I ever did was have pancakes for dinner on Mardi Gras day. The celebration had never made its way into the classroom, certainly not mine anyway.

Well, I'll be darned if that didn't start somewhat of an annual tradition. Some years later, we were still wearing our beads on Fat Tuesday when another family sort of took the observance of the day and kicked it up a notch or two. In this case, the tradition in the family stemmed from mom's heritage. She was raised in New Orleans and the family would hold great celebrations in observance of the day. It was then that my class was treated to a King cake. So now we were wearing our festive beads; and enjoying a yummy piece of King cake while we discussed and solved our mathematical mysteries. It was this particular family who gifted me with a beautiful brooch bearing the likeness of a Mardi Gras mask. It was the first of many given to me over the years that I taught all of the children in this family. The pins were beautifully painted, often adorned with feathers, beads, and all sorts of bedazzles. The mask has a rich history in the culture of New Orleans, often worn to disguise one's social class in society, at least for the brief celebratory occasion.

Masks have been worn by Hollywood actors for years. Who can forget one of televisions' earliest su-

perheroes; that masked man; The Lone Ranger? Robin Hood, yet another who played the role of a do-gooder behind the cover of a mask. It was all the way back to 1939 when the first Marvel comic hero was introduced known as the Masked Marvel. More contemporary masked conquerors and humanitarian heroes included Batman, Spiderman, and Captain America. Even the Ninja Turtles wore masks! For the trivia buffs you might want to check out <https://www.lingerandlook.com/Names/MaskedHeroes.php> for the consummate and seemingly endless list of masked heroes. Masks were worn by these men and women for the purpose of concealing their identity, rendering their enemies helpless in retaliating against the superheroes' friends and family members.

Today, the significance of mask wearing has taken on an entirely different meaning. Rather than wearing a mask for lighthearted fun, it is now a mandatory part of our attire.

Holy Cross School is no exception to this rule. Every member of our school community is wearing a mask. It is not meant to conceal our identity, it is not meant to celebrate a cultural event, and we are not masking ourselves to mimic fictional superheroes. We are wearing medical masks to do our part in preventing the spread of an insidious disease. We must have our children back in school. I have said it a million times. But, we are bound to rules and restrictions. It is not necessarily a popular notion. There are those who oppose the wearing of a mask. There is no option, and I am sorry to have to say that. A hard line must be drawn in the sand. We will return to school on Tuesday. We will return to school under unparalleled conditions, but absolutely nothing can take the place of in-person instruction in a classroom.

I am grateful for this opportunity. I will pray every single day for another day, and another day, and yet another day thereafter for the ability to welcome our children through the double doors so as to enjoy and benefit from a typical school day experience. Albeit, behind a mask.



means he spawned a whole lot of saints).

So who was St. Stephen? Stephen was born into a pagan family and his father was Prince of several Hungarian tribes. St. Stephen, a convert to Christianity, worked to put down the various local pagan leaders and to create a united nation of Hungary. He was successful. According to tradition he was crowned "King of Hungary" on Christmas Day in the year 1000, with a crown sent to him from Pope Sylvester II. During his reign Catholicism flourished, replacing the various pagan religions of the region, and becoming the unifying faith of the new kingdom. Catholicism still remains the largest single religion in Hungary today. Ruling as King through many years of peace, St. Stephen died in 1038. He was canonized in 1083. His feast day is August 16.

Un Rey of Hope: St. Ferdinand, King of Castile. King Ferdinand of Castile (Spain) assumed the throne at the young age of 18. Ferdinand was a great administrator and a ruler of great faith, he spent much of his reign founding monasteries, churches, hospitals and even a university. However, his claim to fame is that he began a concerted push to drive the Moors (and Islam) out of Spain and gave hope to the people that Spain might again be a Catholic kingdom. In preparation for war, he prayed fervently to our Blessed Mother, and fasted – knowing that this mission would take all of his physical and spiritual strength. And, it paid off: In 1236, King Ferdinand drove the Moors and the forces of Islam out of their stronghold in Cordoba, and soon thereafter took the Mosque in Seville and turned it into a Cathedral. St. Ferdinand restored much of Spain, and was a leader in the massive advance in the Roman Catholic Reconquista (reconquest). By the end of his reign, it could be asserted, the Moors had less (ouch). A father of 15 children, Ferdinand died in 1252. His feast day is May 30.

Charles in Charge: Blessed Charles I, Emperor of Austria-Hungary. Blessed Charles of Austria (Emperor Charles I of the Austro-Hungarian Empire): One of our more recent saints, Blessed Charles was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 2004. Bl. Charles was the last Emperor of the Austro-Hungarian Empire; he assumed the throne in 1916, in the middle of World War I. With a nod to Scott Baio, having "Charles in Charge" of Austria, seeking peace became an imperial goal. To this end, Charles was the only European leader to support a peace plan put forth by Pope Benedict XV. Charles saw his king-

ly office as a sacred ministry in which he was called to follow Christ and the Church. At the end of World War I, with Austria's defeat, the Emperor issued a statement to his people saying that he recognized the Austrian people's right to determine their future form of government and added that he "relinquish(ed) every participation in the administration of the State." He released his officials from any oath of loyalty. In doing this he averted a civil war in the country; he sacrificed his throne for his nation's peace. Emperor Charles and his wife Zita (also a candidate for beatification) were ultimately exiled and spent their final years in the Portuguese colony of Madeira. Charles died in 1922. His feast day is October 3.

A Great Dane: St. Canute, King of Denmark. St. Canute (King Canute IV of Denmark): St. Canute, upon becoming King of Denmark in 1080, strove to strengthen the Church in Denmark. He gave of his patrimony generously to the Church and did much work to build monasteries and churches. He also promulgated laws to protect foreign priests in Denmark. But, dare I say, something was rotten in Denmark (okay, I didn't come up that – it was really William Shakespeare). Some folks didn't like the exertion of power by the new King. Ultimately, with the silent assent of his brother, Olaf, Canute and his entourage fled for shelter from rebels aligned against him. He took shelter in St. Alban's Priory in an outlying area, but the rebels laid siege to this place of refuge and killed St. Canute along with 17 of his companions. In 1085, his brother Olaf, became the King of Denmark. For King Canute's defense of the Church and promulgation of the faith, he was canonized a saint in 1101. His feast day is July 10.

Reign Storm. And that wraps it up for the saintly kings – though there are many others beyond those which I noted here. But even amidst the great stories of glory of these earthly sovereigns, let us never forget the one king and the only king that should be focus of our worship and praise is the King of Heaven and Earth, our Lord and our Savior Jesus Christ, the King of Kings. He is reigning from Heaven, with his grace always coming upon us, like, dare I say, rain from Heaven. Long live the king!

Yours in Christ,
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