



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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Dover, Delaware

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

February 13, 2022

6th Sunday Ordinary Time

holy cross

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 5 pm and the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 am
During Lent, Monday and Friday, 12:10 pm
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

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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

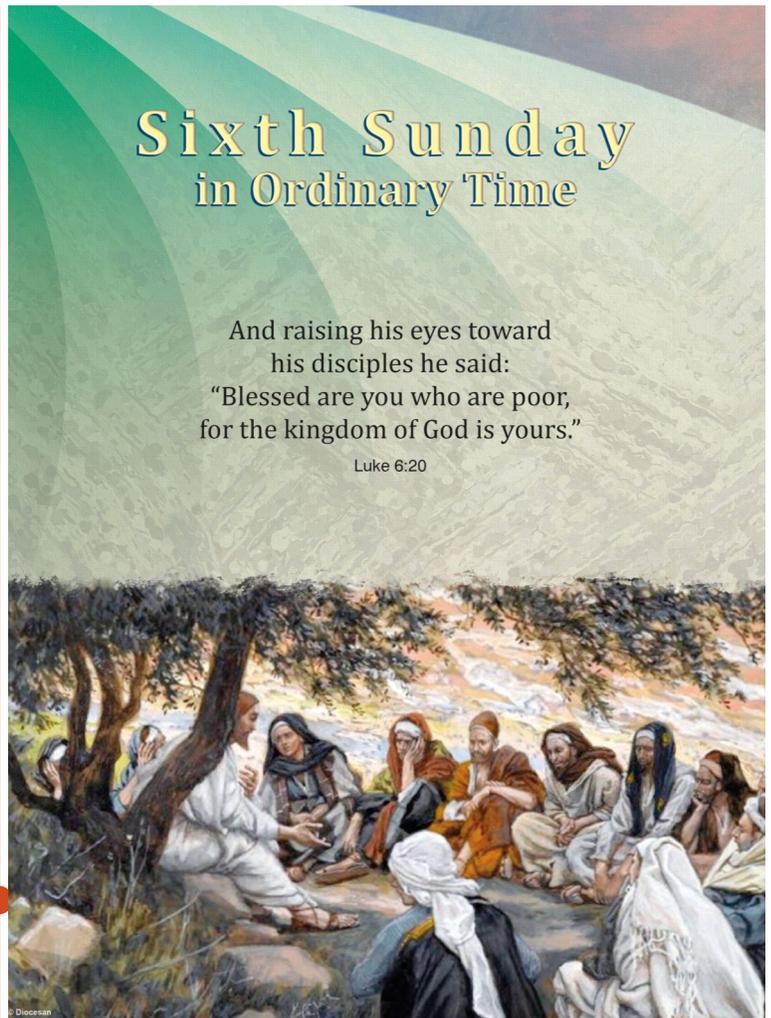
CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

And raising his eyes toward
his disciples he said:
"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours."

Luke 6:20



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.

In response to the rising numbers of positive COVID-19 cases, particularly the Omicron variant, the Diocese of Wilmington is issuing new COVID-19 protocols for all parishes effective January 6, 2022.

- Clergy and volunteers are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED, to obtain COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters.
- Clergy and Liturgical ministers at all parishes are encouraged to wear masks, except when speaking publicly.
- Parishes are to encourage all attendees to be masked while attending Mass.
- Mass attendees over the age of 5 who are not vaccinated for COVID-19 must wear a mask.
- Ministries and non-liturgical parish activities should be carefully evaluated and, if possible, held virtually or with limited contact.
 - o This effort includes third-party use of facilities, such as Scouts, community groups, etc.
 - o Parishes should consider rescheduling in-person social gatherings scheduled for January or February to later in the year.
- Clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must carefully adhere to proper hand sanitization following the distribution of communion on the tongue.
- Parishes may continue to make holy water available in fonts.
- Filled hand sanitizing dispensers should be available at entrances.
- Clergy should be mindful about social distancing and hand shaking when greeting parishioners before and after Mass.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

January 30, 2022

| OFFERTORY TYPE | RECEIVED | BUDGETED/ NEEDED | DIFFERENCE |
|----------------|-----------|------------------|------------|
| Offertory | \$23,972 | \$226,000 | (\$2,028) |
| YTD | \$815,932 | \$806,200 | \$9,732 |
| Needs | \$1,243 | \$1,480 | (\$237) |

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending January 30, 2022

| OFFERTORY TYPE | RECEIVED |
|----------------|----------|
| Offertory | \$2,235 |
| 2nd collection | \$412 |

For tax statements for ICC, please contact the ICC Parish Office.

Tax Statements

The HC Parish Office is preparing tax letters for everyone who contributed during the 2021 year. If we have your email in our records, this information will be emailed to you by the end of January. If we do not have your email or you want a hard copy sent to you, please email mdornberger@holycrossdover.org. Thank you.

Dear Parishioners,

I am taking a weeks respite from my regular column (I have to let my word processor cool down a bit), and instead am presenting you with an Old Testament puzzle to test and try your Bible knowledge (with some helpful hints thrown in for fun). Enjoy!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Lentini

Pastor

Across

1 Israelite hero; defeated Midianites. Known for his trumpet.

5 Mother of Esau and Jacob

6 Son of Cush; he is associated sometimes with the building of the Tower of Babel. His name has become an insult.

8 Known for having underwent many afflictions

9 Illegitimate son of Abraham

10 Judge of Israel who was famous for strength

13 First man

16 David was her second husband

17 Went to heaven in chariot of fire.

19 Might be called an ark-itect.

21 Wife of Abraham

23 Famed King of Israel

25 A son of Adam

26 Received the Ten Commandments from God

28 King of Babylon and the destroyer of Jerusalem

31 Forefather of the Jewish people

32 Commander of army of Saul and Ish-bosheth; slain by Joab; or comic strip character who dated Daisy Mae.

34 Concubine of Abraham; or "horrible" comic strip character.

36 He chastised David for causing Uriah's death; or the name of a famous Hot Dog maker.

37 Wise king; or name of a former priest at Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception

39 He escaped destruction of Sodom, but his

wife didn't

40 High priest during King David's reign

41 Founder of Israel

42 High priest and judge; also first name of actor: ____ Wallach.

44 Sent to death in battle by David.

45 Son of Abraham and Sarah; or the name of the bartender on "The Love Boat"

46 First woman; or nightfall.

47 Son of Noah, or derisive term for arrogant actor

48 Son of Isaac; sold his birthright to his twin brother Jacob

Down

2 Prophet who God spared from being a Lion's dinner

3 Name of a lamenting Prophet or a famous bullfrog.

4 Mistress and betrayer of Samson

7 Moses' successor; or part of the name of a famous U2 album.

8 Prophet who was cast into sea and swallowed by a whale

11 Killed his brother with a rock

12 Wife of Mahlon, later of Boaz; or archaic word meaning compassionate.

14 Son of Enoch, lived to be 969 years old.

15 Son of Jacob; name is associated with Jeans

18 Wicked woman, Phoenician princess

20 Minor prophet, secretary to Jeremiah -- shares the same name as a New York City college.

22 Cain's brother (he sounds very capable)

24 Famed Philistine giant

27 He was called by God three time; or how Mark Twain was known to his mom.

29 A son of Jacob, and the founder of the tribe of Reuben.

30 Prophet who was rebuked by his donkey for cursing God

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HC & ICC CLERGY

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F. | Pastor |
| Msgr. Daniel McGlynn | Pastor Emeritus |
| Rev. Mano Salla | 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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HC STAFF

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Parish Office | 302 674 5787 |
| Jane Green/Susan Cutrona | Receptionist, ext. 110 |
| Diane Belt | Assistant to the Pastor, ext. 113 |
| Kenneth Trojan | Business Manager, ext. 119 |
| Michele Dornberger | Records/Asst. Bus. Mgr., ext. 116 |
| Arline Dosman | Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. 118 |
| Tammy Korosec | CRE Religious Ed, ext 122 |
| Linda Darling | Youth Ministry, ext. 123 |
| Justin Wurzel | Maintenance Director |
| Len Dornberger | Cemetery Administrator, ext. 135 |
| Michael Perza | Dir. of Music Ministry, 302 698 9302 |

MAILING ADDRESS

Church of the Holy Cross
631 S. State St.
Dover, DE 19901

ICC STAFF

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|----------------|---------------------------|
| Parish Office | 410 482 7687 |
| Marilyn Dixon | Office Manager |
| Alicia Poppiti | DRE Religious Ed. |
| Susan Venezia | Bookkeeper |
| Arline Dosman | Dir. of Hispanic Ministry |

MAILING ADDRESS

Immaculate Conception Church
P. O. Box 399
Marydel, MD 21649-0399

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Catholic Education Pre-K3 to Grade 8Is
302 674 5787
holycrossdover.org/school

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|---------------|---------------------|
| Linda Pollitt | Principal, ext. 111 |
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MAILING ADDRESS

Holy Cross School
631 S. State St.
Dover, DE 19901

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

On Valentine's Day you will do something special with your beloved. Beyond cards and candy, however, spend some time reminiscing about how you met and how that initial meeting evolved into a deeper relationship. Was there a significant turning point?

PARENTING POINTERS

A few home rules could be: No phones during family meals. Unless it's an emergency, do not answer a phone call when talking in person to someone.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, February 19th, tune-in to hear an interview with Casey Chalk, author of the new book, "The Persecuted: True Stories of Courageous Christians Living Their Faith in Muslim Lands." Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome the newly registered members of our Parish:

- John and Peter Gregg
- Lark Eckenroth and James Galvin Jr.
- Leo Carl and Mary P. Schaeffler
- Lewis Moise

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to our newest baptized members:

- Brayden Michael Carroll
- Aziel Francis Banaag

ST. HEDWIG'S PRESENTATIONS

Join St. Hedwig Church on February 18 & 19 for a fascinating set of presentations by Dr. A.J. Jarrouj on the greatest love story ever told - the Love of the Triune God for Mankind; a love story whose last act is yet to be fulfilled. Reservations and more information is available by calling Eileen Siter at 302-442-8171. Donation is \$30 and includes continental breakfast and lunch

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 20 7TH ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

SECOND READING : 1 CORINTHIANS 15:45-49

GOSPEL: LUKE 6:27-38

**MEN OF
THE HOLY
CROSS
(NEW
AND
MORE
CON-
VENIENT MEETINGS)**



THE MINISTRY OF MEN TO MEN

It is now easier than ever for you to join the Men of The Holy Cross! You are welcome to come in person on the second floor of the ELC building, or participate from the comfort of your home, sitting in your favorite chair with a cup of coffee. 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. Just type in or click on the following link and it will automatically guide you through the Zoom Meeting set up and join our hybrid meeting. <https://zoom.us/j/30861480> Wednesday mornings at 6:30 AM (time certain) for prayer, gospel reflections, Church teachings and timely discussions. Even for busy men who are constantly on the go, it has never been more convenient for you to give us a try; our meetings are as close as your phone!

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

Orders are being accepted for our Memorial Area brick pavers that will be placed in "Honor and Memory of Loved Ones" by Memorial Day. Orders must be received no later than March 15th. Order forms are available at the Parish Office or by contacting Len Dornberger at LDornberger@HolyCrossDover.org -- 302-674-5787 ext. 135.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Our condolences and prayers to the families of:

- *James Homer, Michael Cebrick, Josephine Gemberling, Silvia Muniz, Veronica Kriss, Francis Paul Gallagher* May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

**MASS INTENTIONS
JANUARY/FEBRUARY**

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 14 MONDAY | |
| HC 8:00 am | Dr. and Mrs. Robert Scacheri (LI) |
| 15 TUESDAY | |
| HC 8:00 am | Ray Costa (LI) |
| 16 WEDNESDAY | |
| HC 8:00 am | DM Farley Family |
| 17 THURSDAY | |
| HC 8:00 am | Emma Zapanta Donato |
| ICC 6:30 pm | For the People |
| 18 FRIDAY | |
| HC 8:00 am | Joseph F. Kowalczyk |
| 19 SATURDAY | |
| HC 8 am | James Glynn |
| HC 5 pm | Cathy Morales |
| 20 SUNDAY | |
| HC 7:30 am | Joseph Borer |
| ICC 8:30 am | Henry Mitchler |
| HC 9:30 am | Henry Mitchler |
| ICC 11 am | William Schwartz |
| HC 11:30 am | Lisa V. Anzalone |
| ICC 1 pm | For the People |

(LI—LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

faith in action

**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. The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13, 2022 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.

HOLY CROSS FEB 19/20, 2022

EMHC SERVERS

5:00 PM D. Darling C. Hedwig G. Coyle
 L. Darling F. Hettinger M. Coyle
 F. Ernst L. Curley

LECTORS

L. Christiansen
D. Dixon

7:30 AM C. Brown J. Fischer E. Bydlon
 J. Chandler A. Wyllie S. Shevock
 A. Fischer E. Wadhams

LECTORS

J. Davis

9:30 AM V. Pepper G. Wessel K. Fernandez
 G. Richards M. Wessel G. Maddalena
 C. Robinson R. Willeman

LECTORS

S. Crossen
S. Ford

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

LECTORS

A. Luna

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM J. Tormey, Jr.

LECTORS

G. Godfrey

11:00 AM G. Taraila

LECTORS

S. Tucker

1:00 PM To be determined

LECTORS

B. Gonzalez

**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.

PURSE BINGO

Purse Bingo: Tickets are on sale - don't wait!



Join us Saturday evening, April 2 for a fun-filled evening, and a chance to win a great purse!

Cost is \$25 for 10 games, door prizes and light refreshments served. 50/50 and Chinese Auction chances for sale. Must be 18 to play. Please see Linda Darling for tickets - tables of 8 may be reserved.

ldarling@holycrossdover.org

Proceeds will go to help our high school teens attend Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer in Greensboro, NC. Thank you for your support.

VIRTUAL BASKET AUCTION FUNDRAISER

The Delaware State Columbiettes will be sponsoring a virtual Basket Auction on Sunday, February 27th at 1:00 P.M. There will be dozens of wonderful baskets to take a chance on. Tickets are \$25.00 for a single sheet (20 chances to win) or \$15.00 for a half sheet (10 chances to win)! They may be purchased by sending a check made payable to Delaware State Columbiettes with your name, email and phone number, to Arlene Brown, 87 Paige Place, Felton, DE 19943 (amb550@hotmail.com).

We will email you your ticket number and the Zoom information prior to the event if you would like to attend. If you cannot attend, we will contact you if you win! **TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY February 23rd!** We look forward to having you join us for a fun filled afternoon.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

The Adoration Chapel is open again each day from 5 am to 9 pm. If you would like to take a

SUNDAY 10 am, 12 pm, 4 pm, 5 pm,
8 pm

SATURDAY 5 am, 6 am, 8 am, 10 am, 12
pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

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.

We really need volunteers to take some time on Saturday and Sunday. Please consider taking one hour in the chapel to spend with Jesus.

NUESTRA FAMILIA HISPANA

- Proceso del Sínodo iniciado por el Papa Francisco. Ya empezó la fase Diocesana y el obispo Koenig invita a todos en la Diócesis de Wilmington a participar en las sesiones de escucha como parte del reciente proceso del Sínodo. El Papa Francisco está pidiendo a toda la Iglesia en todo el mundo que reflexione en oración sobre cómo el Espíritu Santo nos está llamando a mejorar nuestro "caminar juntos" como Iglesia hacia el reino celestial de Dios. Con este espíritu, la experiencia de la sesión de escucha nos brindará la oportunidad de escuchar al Espíritu Santo Dios en nuestros corazones y en las voces de los demás. En efecto, esto nos ayudará a crecer en los objetivos del Sínodo para una mejor comunión, una mayor participación y claridad de nuestra misión como cristianos en nuestro tiempo presente.
- Formato de Sesión de Escucha. Cada grupo responderá a las dos preguntas del Sínodo planteadas por el Papa Francisco: (1). ¿Cómo se está dando este caminar juntos hoy en nuestra Iglesia local? (2) ¿Qué pasos nos invita a dar el Espíritu para crecer en nuestro caminar juntos?
- Información adicional del sínodo. Se puede encontrar más información sobre el proceso del Sínodo en: www.cdow.org/synod
- **Gran Retiro de Cuaresma.** Todos están invitados. Preparémonos para "La Cuaresma como Camino gradual de Conversión" gran Retiro Presentado por el Rev. Juan Alberto Cárdenas. Sacerdote Agustino de Colombia
Fecha :26 de febrero, 2022. Hora 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
donación: \$15 para los alimentos
Parroquia La Inmaculada Concepción. Dirección 522 Main St. Maryland 21649 Habrá confesiones, Hora Santa, charlas, música y reflexiones y mucho más.
- Estamos buscando a jóvenes que desean participar en la Via Crucis como parte de uno de los eventos de la peregrinación

con nuestro obispo Koenig el sábado, 9 de abril, 2022 2n Wilmington.

- Tendremos los ensayos todos los miércoles comenzando el 23 de febrero. También tendremos la Vía Crucis en Holy Cross el viernes santo a las 9:00 de la noche en la iglesia. Si usted desea participar por favor comuníquese con la Sra. Arline Dosman.
- El comité de Arte y Ambientación está buscando voluntarios para ayudar con la ambientación y arreglo del templo, si usted desea participar anótese después de la santa Misa.
- 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

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA ICC

- Inscripciones para la Educación Religiosa estará abierta desde el 1 de Marzo, 2022
- Todas las clases se reúnen todos los domingos de 9:40 – 10:50 de la mañana Por favor de estacionarse correctamente y camine a su hijo(a) al salón y recógelo(a) enfrente del salón. SE le agradece que leguen a tiempo. Mascarillas es requerido por todos los estudiantes y maestros. Si su hijo se siente enfermo quédese en casa hasta que se sienta bien.
- **Clases de preparación para la Primera Comunión** Proxima sesión el martes, 22 de febrero de 2022 de 6:30 a 7:30 de la tarde.
- Maestro y estudiantes deben de usar mascarillas. Si su hijo no se siente bien que se quede en casa y cuídese.
- Preparación para los candidatos a la Confirmación – próximo domingo 13 de febrero, 2022 a las 2:30-5pm en el salón.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Next Class: February 27 3:30 to 5:30 pm

- Children are to be dropped off at the double doors next to the Elementary office.
- 7th and 8th graders are in the Holy Cross Junior High building.
- No one except students and volunteers are allowed to enter either building.
- MASKS ARE MANDATORY.
- Hall monitors will assist getting children to their classes.

Dismissal from the ramp side will be as follows:

- Grades 5, 6, 7, 8 and Sacramental Prep – 5:15pm
- Grades K-1 -5:20pm
- Grades 2- 5:25pm
- Grades 3-4 5:30pm

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.

Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)

Next class March 13 [See email from Deacon Vince with instructions](#)

Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF, please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

Adult Eductaion (HC)

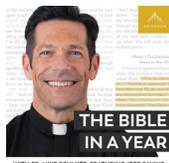
The Bible in a Year Podcast

“In The Bible in a Year podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz guides you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes. Using an exclusive reading plan rooted in The Bible Timeline (a ground-breaking approach to understanding salvation history developed by Biblical scholar Jeff Cavins) you won’t just read the Bible ... you’ll finally understand how all the pieces fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today!” Also available in Spanish led by Father Sergio Serrano. See the links below:

In English:

Father Mike Schmitz

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/>



In Spanish:

Fray Sergio Serrano

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-espanol-registration>



YOUTH AT HOLY CROSS

Confirmation Classes:

Next classes are February 23 for Wednesday class and February 27 for Sunday class.

Youth Group:

Next Youth Group Meeting- please mark your calendar for March 26. Junior High - 3-4:30 High School 6-7:30

Catholic Heart Work Camp Meeting:

Tuesday, March 15 at 7 pm in the ELC Matthew/Mark room upstairs.

Any 8th through 1st year college teens interested in attending Greensboro camp July 17 to 23 are asked to attend. Registration and fundraising will be discussed.

Work Camp in Dover

We have a large group of teens and adults who are traveling to Dover to help our residents. They will be working June 27 to June 30. If you have projects that they would be able to assist you with, please contact Linda Darling at ldarling@holycrossdover.org. Painting, yard work, organizing, small repairs, cleaning - whatever you have that you are not able to do on your own, they would love to help.

SRE (IC)

All classes are meeting from 9:40-10:50am every Sunday in classrooms.

Please park, walk your children to hall, and pick up in front of the hall.

Please be on time and pick up no later than 10:55am, our Catechist need to attend Mass at 11am.

Masks are still required for students and teachers.

Parents, please keep your children home if they have a fever, or they are not feeling well.

Registration for 2022-2023 school year will open up March 1st, 2022.

Sacraments:

Youth confirmation prep- Next session is today, Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 2:30-5pm in the hall

1st Communion Prep: next session, Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:30-7:30pm in the hall. Please be on time..

The following is a legitimate email received from a parent last week. I have changed the name of the student and parent since I have not obtained permission to use it in my weekly article.

"We are missing Holy Cross and all our Dover friends but we are settling in well here. Susie loves her new school and has had no issues because of her wonderful education at Holy Cross."

Susie's dad received news of an unplanned for move taking the family out of the country for a couple of years. In a few years they will return to Dover and to Holy Cross. That's the plan because their initial decision to enroll their children proved to be the best for their family. A true investment in the moral and academic formation of their children.

We have just closed the books on another celebration of Catholic Schools. It is a full five-day week deliberately set aside to celebrate who we are as students, staff, and faculty of an institution that has been educating children in the way of the faith for centuries.

"Catholic Schools set high standards for student achievement and help them succeed."

Despite Mother Nature's attempt to keep us out of school, we surmounted her forces and pressed on. Tuesday marked STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY. Several years ago, we had so much fun with a school wide scavenger hunt that we thought it a good idea to bring it back. We partner an upper grade with a lower grade enabling us to incorporate fellowship and friendship in the event. The hunt has the student pairs all over the campus solving clues and figuring out where to go next in their attempt to secure all of their puzzle pieces. Once they have all six of their pieces, they color them and piece them together to form their puzzle. The puzzle is the image of Jesus on the Road to Emmaus which coincides with our Diocesan theme for the year, Companions on the Journey. Mrs. Wicks invited me into her classroom to see how well her class was working with their seventh-grade partners as they colored and figured out the puzzle. "I love this, look how nicely they're working together..." A great big shout out to Mrs. Williams! Believe me when I say that this was no easy undertaking, a logistical nightmare made to look like a piece of cake.

"Catholic Schools teach respect of self and others."

"Catholic Schools prepare students to be productive citizens and future leaders."

Wednesday was the day scheduled for Catholic schools to HONOR THE NATION. Even though the forces of nature threatened this event, prayer proved stronger! We were able to proceed in welcoming the Honor Guard and Drill Team from First State Military Academy to HC. Quite impressive were they under the direction of MSgt. Terrence Jordan. Looking pretty snazzy in their Marine uniform, their precision, and attention to detail held the attention of all. Our Marching Band played the National Anthem as the Color Guard ceremoniously presented the colors, and the morning was rounded out by Isabella D. playing Taps on her trumpet. Thank you to Mrs. Swartzentruber for her assistance in coordinating the FSMA portion of our morning. Our morning was made all the more special by the attendance of three representatives from local Veterans of Foreign War chapters. Representing Camden VFW, Commander Larry Josefowski and his colleagues from Felton and Dover presented certificates and monetary awards to three of our students who wrote and submitted essays in which they responded to the theme _____. HC, under the guidance of Mrs. Peek has participated in the Patriot Pen Essay Contest for the past few years. We have always received district and state level recognition for our submissions, and we owe that to the outstanding written expression curriculum which begins as early as first grade. Grammar and Written Expression, two stalwart facets of a Catholic school education that set us above and beyond the rest. Thank you to Mrs. Peek for her direction and coordination of this year's Patriot Pen Essay Competition.

Congratulations to Sophie V, Ava W. both district winners, and Max S. a finalist at the state level.

On Thursday of CSW we CELEBRATE VOCATIONS. To bring the sense of vocation into the classroom, our eighth graders worked together in small groups to coordinate and plan presentations in which all four aspects of vocation were discussed and explained. The Single Life, The Married Life, The Religious Life and The Priestly Life were researched and presented to all grade levels. The eighth graders were instructed to create meaningful visual aids, it was suggested that they dress for the part, and they had to write a script for their presentation. I was in the classroom when Annachiara, Hunter and Priya presented to the four-year-old children in Mrs. McGowan's class. It could have been quite the challenge to make this understandable at their level. With their encouragement, the little ones responded to questions and paid close attention to their big kid visitors. One of the things I enjoyed most about this endeavor was the seriousness and effort the eighth graders put into this project. This was evident as I watched them walking over to their appointed classroom at their scheduled time with their props and visual aids. Teacher commentary was very positive. Thank you to Mrs. White for coordinating this CSW event.

"Catholic Schools instill the value of service to others."

Thank you to our Student Council who gifted our Priests and Deacons with gift cards as a humble means of extending gratitude to them for responding to their personal call to vocation. Our Student Council also played a key role in sponsoring a tag day on Tuesday. The funds from the tag day will be donated to the Pregnancy Care Center and Mom's House in Dover.

Our first-grade students had worked so hard to plan for Mass on Monday to begin our weeklong celebration and then because of the snowflakes and favorable ice-skating conditions that were found on our roads, Mass had to be rescheduled. One week later we gathered in church for Mass. Thank you to Mrs. Borden and Mrs. Knox for preparing our first grade Crusaders to assist in our Mass.

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- 33 Midianite priest; father of Zipporah; or one of the Beverly Hillbillies.
- 35 Jewish wife of Ahasuerus; saved Jews from Haman's plotting.
- 38 Mother-in-law of Ruth; or first name of country singer Judd.
- 41 King David's dad.
- 43 A son of Noah

Old Testament Folks

Break out the puka beads and the mood rings -- it's retro day in the Pastor's Column. So, let go retro in the scripture with an Old Testament puzzle.

