

# CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

February 19, 2023

7th Sunday Ordinary Time

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

### SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

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

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 am  
Wednesday – 8:15 am  
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day)

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

### ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am – 9 pm

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

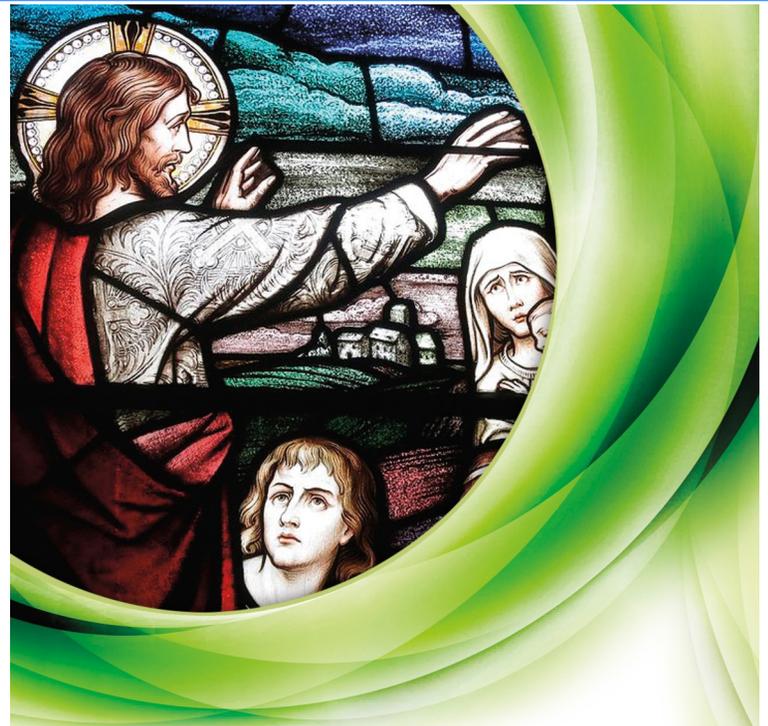
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am  
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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



## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”  
*Matthew 5:44*

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Sorrowful Mother Shrine Chapel (Bellevue, Ohio) - stained glass, Jesus Zealous for Souls - detail

## 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 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.

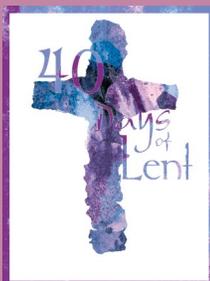
## LENT

Lent will be starting on Wednesday, February 22. **Ashes will be distributed at Holy Cross** during the 8:15 am and 12:10 pm Masses. There will also be a service in the church at 5:30 pm for the Religious Education classes where ashes will be distributed. We will also have a 7 pm Mass that evening with distribution of Ashes.

**Immaculate Conception** will offer a 9 am Mass, 5:30 pm Mass, and 7 pm Spanish Mass where ashes will be distributed at each.

**The rules for fasting and abstinence for Lent are as follows:**

- Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.
- Every person between the age of 18 and 60 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on all other Fridays of the year, unless he or she substitutes some other form of penance for abstinence.



## WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

Ending February 5, 2023

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$27,811	\$27,225	\$586
YTD	\$851,964	\$879,325	(\$27,361)
Needs	\$1,527	\$1,604	(\$77)

## WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending February 5, 2023

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	\$4,383
Second Collection	\$420

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Dear Parishioners,

**Wednesday, February 22 marks the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent.** To that end, I am going to focus this Pastor's Column, as I do at this time each year, on the subject of the Season of Lent by way of a little history and a quick refresher on the meaning and disciplines of this holy Season, marked by the color violet.

### **Tweeting Lent**

Most people will be familiar with the social media service Twitter (which is to civility what cheesecake is to weight loss). On Twitter, at least originally, you had to sum up your message in 140 characters or less. That 140-characters-or-less message was dubbed a "Tweet." Well, I cannot sum up Lent in 140-characters-or-less, but I can sum it up in 140-words or less. This description makes for long classified ad (which I found out would cost me about \$75 to run), but makes for a very abbreviated summation of Lent. Here are those 140 words:

The word "Lent" comes from the Old English word 'Lencten' meaning March (or spring). As a Church term, "Lent" is unique to English, in the romance languages the name for this season finds its origin in the Latin word Quadragesima (the forty days) which refers to the length of the season. Speaking of days, Lent (unlike Christmas) is based upon the lunar calendar. The lunar calendar is used to determine the date of Easter. It was the calendar used by the people in Israel in the time of Christ. Easter is celebrated in the Catholic Church on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the first day of spring. What does this have to do with Lent? Well, when Easter moves, so does the start of the season of Lent (Ash Wednesday) – which is "40 days" before Easter.

Now, while that is short and to the point, there is more to the Lent than what a Twitter-esque text, or brief summation will allow one to say. But that's the price that is paid for brevity (I guess you have to take the bitter with the Tweet – ouch!).

**Ash Wednesday – Soot up for Lent.** Now that we have the background about the name and timing of Lent in place, let's look at the first day of Lent: Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Church's season of Lent -- a 40-day season of fasting, repentance and prayer. On Ash Wednesday, the faithful present themselves to receive ashes. At Masses and Services that day, following the homily, ashes are blessed and then applied to the faithful in the form of a cross on their foreheads. These ashes are derived from burning the blessed palm branches used on Palm Sunday during the previous year. That Cross of ashes on the foreheads of the faithful serve as a reminder of their commitment to the

way of Christ and the road to repentance. Those ashes in the shape of Christ's salvific cross are like – dare I say – a "soot of armor" ... protecting us by reminding us to Whom we belong.

**Mass Appeal.** It should be noted that while Ash Wednesday is not a solemnity (high holy day) or a Holy Day of Obligation (mandatory Mass attendance day), nonetheless, in recent years, more people tend to go to Church on Ash Wednesday than any other day of the year, except for Christmas and Easter. Why is this? Because even a somewhat lapsed Catholic has -- in his hard-wiring -- the need to repent, and the desire to set his life right with God and His holy Church. Ash Wednesday presents that opportunity; it is like the opening ceremony of the redemption Olympics.

**Cinderella and Pope Gregory.** I should also mention a little history about the name and origins of Ash Wednesday: The name Ash Wednesday finds its roots in the Latin term "Dies Cinerum" (found in the Latin text of the Roman Missal used at Mass) – that term means, literally, "Day of Ashes" or "Day of Cinders." Cinders is a synonym for ashes; thus, poor Cinderella of fairy tale fame, was a girl who cleaned ashes. She was named for her cinder-cleaning activity (plus, Cinderella, as a name, sounds much nicer than Asherella). In any event, it is asserted that this practice of receiving Ashes was begun some 15 centuries ago by Pope Gregory the Great in the sixth century, perhaps making him the first Cinder-fella.

**Ashes to Ashes – in the Old Testament.** "Okay," you may ask, "the last few paragraphs answer some basic questions about the origin of the name Ash Wednesday and the fact that people receive Ashes that day. But the bigger question is why do they do this?" For that answer, we have to step into the Wayback Machine and travel back to the Old Testament era. In Old Testament times, wearing ashes – which were the dirt-remains that were left behind after something was burned or offered up – had two key symbolism. When worn on a person's face, ashes were, firstly, a sign of man's humility and mortality and secondly, a sign of one's repentance for his sins.

**Ashes to Ashes – in our Faith.** Thus, when a person receives ashes on Ash Wednesday, those ashes are administered in a visible place (the forehead) and commonly in the form of a cross. As the ashes are imposed, the Priest (or Deacon or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion) commonly says the words, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." This admonition serves to remind us

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## HC & ICC CLERGY

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 Rev. Brennan Ferris Parochial Vicar

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 Mr. Richard Kosior Deacon  
 Mr. Robert McMullen Deacon  
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Linda Pollitt Principal, ext. 111

## MAILING ADDRESS

*Holy Cross School*  
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 Dover, DE 19901

## RECENTLY DECEASED (HC)

Condolences to the families of those who have recently died:

- Erin R. Flannery
- Francis "Buzz" Gildea

## NEWLY REGISTERED (HC)

Welcome to our newly registered parishioners:

- Ronald, Rose and Yohan Aliwalas

## NEWLY BAPTIZED (HC)

- Molley Amen-Ra Shaffa
- Mollena Edna Shaffa

## FISH FRY

Fish Frys will take place each Friday during Lent in the Parish Hall hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Dinners will be served in the Parish Hall from



4 pm to 7 pm. Menus will be posted in the bulletin each week. On Friday, February 24, the menu will be fried cod, baked flounder, mac & cheese, stewed tomatoes, green beans and dessert.

## EXTRA RECONCILIATION TIME DURING LENT

During the Fridays in Lent, reconciliation will be available from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at Holy Cross. One priest will be available each week during that time to hear confessions.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception will each offer the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7 pm.

## 7TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (FEB 26)

**FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:7-9; 3:1-7**

Adam and Eve yield to temptation in the garden of Eden.

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:12-19**

Jesus' gift of divine life more than outweighs the loss suffered by Adam when he felt.

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:1-11**

Jesus sees off Satan in the wilderness and shows us how to walk in the path of life.

## DELAWARE STATE COLUMBIETTES

Delaware State Columbiettes will be hosting their annual Basket Auction on Sunday, February 26th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Parish Life Center, Holy Cross Church, South State Street in Dover, Delaware. Tickets are \$25.00 per person to include a buffet dinner, desert, coffee and ice tea. Please respond by Saturday, February 18th to Mary Jane Deni, 69 Comanche Circle, Millsboro, DE 19966, 302 841 8831 (diamondmj@aol.com). There will be many fabulous gifts as well as a raffle with three great prizes.

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!!! Get away for an intimate weekend – no group sharing required. The next weekend is March 10-12, 2023 at the Brighton Suites in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. For information or to register visit our website <http://www.wvme.org> or call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD

A Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of April 21-23, 2023. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with the pain of abortion. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or [lucyminn929@gmail.com](mailto:lucyminn929@gmail.com) by April 7.

## CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, February 25th, learn about the Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Philadelphia when Mary Jo Timlin-Hoag is the guest. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum), or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts.

## TOTAL ABANDONMENT TO GOD'S WILL

Please join us Monday mornings at 9:00 this Lent for Matthew Leonard's Total Abandonment to God's Will. We will view and discuss the videos in St. Luke's room in the ELC beginning February 27. All are welcome! For further information you can contact (text or call) Carol Bugglin, Ph.D. at 302-423-6654.

## MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY

### 20 MONDAY

HC 9:00 am Carol Castiglione

### 21 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Joseph Borer

### 22 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:15 am David J. Kaltenbaugh  
 ICC 9:00 am For the People  
 HC 12:15 pm For the People  
 HC 5:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service  
 ICC 5:30 pm For the People  
 HC 7:00 pm For the People  
 ICC 7:00 pm For the People

### 23 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Leon & Krystyna Kabrinzski (LI)  
 ICC 7:00 pm For the People

### 24 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am DM Dornberger Family

### 25 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Phil Howe (LI)  
 HC 5:00 pm Fred and Veronical Ernst (LI)

### 26 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Louis Jara  
 ICC 8:30 am Barbara Thompson  
 HC 9:30 am Joe McLaughlin  
 ICC 11:00 am Keith DeFrancesco  
 HC 11:30 am Marco Ferritto  
 ICC 1:00 pm For the People

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

## IRISH DINNER DANCE

hosted by Knights of Columbus Council #4182  
 Music provided by: The Godfather of New England Doo Wop  
 Saturday, March 18th at 6pm  
 at the Columbian Hall  
 Cost \$40.00 per person  
 Contact Don Ryan  
 at [mairdon@verizon.net](mailto:mairdon@verizon.net) or go to our website [kofc4182.org](http://kofc4182.org) to pay online.

HOLY CROSS FEBRUARY 25/26

EMHC

SERVERS

5:00 PM

F. Ernst  
D. Field

C. Helwig  
W. Thomas

L. Curley  
B. Richardson  
L. Richardson

LECTORS

L. Christiansen  
D. Kilby

7:30 AM

J. Chandler  
J. Denney

T. Dinan  
A. Wyllie

T. Catipay  
B. Gyamfi  
E. Gyamfi

LECTORS

J. Davis

9:30 AM

P. Ford  
S. Ford

F. Hanlin  
D. McGinnis

M. Milligan  
B. Song  
D. Song

LECTORS

S. Crossen  
C. Parks

11:30 AM

C. Garcia  
B. Guzman

A. Luna

LECTORS

TBD

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM

B Lawson

LECTORS

G. Godfrey

11:00 AM

M. Soule

LECTORS

S. Tucker

1:00 PM

TBD

Thank you to all who help with our various ministries at Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception. We are truly grateful for your service to your parishes.

We are always in need of more Lectors, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers.

Please call your parish offices if you would be interested in joining in with those who already serve.

REUPHOLSTERING THE PEWS

The work on the church pews continues. We will have daily Mass in the church beginning Monday, Feb. 20. Thank you for your patience as we have this task completed.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HO)

Can you spare an hour to spend with Jesus? Our Adoration Chapel is open from 5 am to 9 pm Monday through Sunday. We have openings where you can spend quality time with Our Lord. Call Joann Pate today at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you.

- SUNDAY 6 am, 4 pm, 5pm
- MONDAY 5 am, 5 pm
- TUESDAY 6 am, 5 pm, 8 pm
- WEDNESDAY 11 am
- THURSDAY 5 am
- SATURDAY 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

ADULT EDUCATION

The Bible in a Year

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>

K OF C BREAKFAST

The Knights will hold a breakfast in the Parish Hall on Sunday, February 19, after the 7:30 and 9:30 am Masses. Join them for a delicious meal!

LADIES RETREAT

We reflect on the lives of Four Teresa's and how their example guides us today. Saturday, March 4 at St. Bernadette Church Hall, 109 Dixon St. Harrington, DE.

Cost is \$10 per person - we ask everyone to bring their own lunch - breakfast, snacks and drinks provided. Retreat begins at 8:30 am with breakfast, 9 am we begin our day and conclude at 3:30 pm with Mass at 4 pm. Please make checks payable to Delaware State Columbiettes and mail to Linda Darling, 206 Pitch Kettle Ct., Magnolia, DE 19962 by February 24, 2023. Questions? 302-233-2246.

- Retiro de Cuaresma “Del Desierto a la Tierra Prometida”. El sábado 4 de marzo, en la parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción, en Marydel. De 8 de la Mañana a 5 de la tarde. Donación de \$ 15.00 por persona y \$45.00 por Familia.
- Felicitamos a la nueva junta Directiva de 2023 – 2025. Oremos para que trabajen por el bien y crecimiento espiritual de la comunidad.
- Febrero es por excelencia el mes del Amor y la Amistad. Y se destaca el amor Conyugal y la Familia. Este 7 al 14 de febrero de 2023, celebraremos la Semana Nacional del Matrimonio! Esta celebración anual es una gran oportunidad para que todos reflexionen sobre el regalo que es el matrimonio para nuestra Iglesia y nuestro país, así como una oportunidad para que las parejas revivan y crezcan sus propios matrimonios. El tema de este año es: Matrimonio: Una sola carne, entregada y recibida. El Papa Francisco en Amoris Laetitia nos exhorta acerca de lo importante que es priorizar momentos juntos entre las parejas. (Amoris Laetitia 219) Por eso es importante para la salud de toda relación, ya tengan un año de casados o cincuenta, cultivar momentos donde comparten actividades juntos, y profundizan su relación. La Rutina es mortal para el Matrimonio. Oremos por los Matrimonios.
- El ministerio de Arte y Ambientación se reunirá el Martes, 21 de Febrero a las 4:00 Pm en la iglesia para limpiar y ambientar el Templo para la Cuaresma. Si usted desea ayudar, solo tiene que venir. Mientras más manos tengamos es más fácil y rápido el trabajo.
- Todos están invitados a la reunión de planeamiento para el domingo, 5 de marzo en el salón parroquial de eventos. Esta reunión es de suma importancia para planear todas las actividades del próximo año litúrgico que será desde Julio 2023 a Junio 2024. Si usted está interesado en contribuir con ideas, trabajo por el bien común de nuestra comunidad y nuestra parroquia venga a esta reunión, que durara aproximadamente 2 horas. Es una reunión de trabajo y les pedimos encarecidamente de no traer niños, porque es una jornada larga y los niños se inquietan y hay que atenderlos y se hace más larga la reunión. Todos están invitados, todos somos iglesia. Si no puede venir a la reunión le pedimos que ore para que esta reunión sea un éxito y que hagamos la voluntad de Dios y para el bien común de nuestra comunidad.
- Si usted desea compartir su talento o quiera participar en alguno de los ministerios por favor comuníquese con la Sra. Arline Dosman o llame a la oficina parroquia al 302-674-5787 ext. 118

## ICC- EDUCACIÓN

### CONFIRMACION DE JOVENES:

Quinta Sesión es el Domingo, 12 de marzo, a las 2:30-5pm en el Salón Parroquial. Todas las tareas, y asignaciones hay que entregarlo

**No hay clases el domingo, 19 de febrero**

### Clases de Primera Comuni3n en ICC:

Quinta Sesión es el martes 21 de febrero de 6:30 – 7:30 en el salón

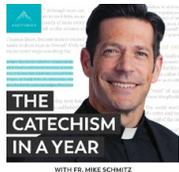
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)**

Next Class 2/26/2023 3 to 5 pm  
Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Registration forms available at [holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation](http://holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation)  
If you have any questions contact Tammy Korosec either 302-674-5787 x122 or [tkorosec@holycrossover.org](mailto:tkorosec@holycrossover.org)

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**LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)**  
Next class March 12, 2023 at 10:30 am in the Matthew/Mark Room in the Early Learning Center. Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF? Contact Tammy Korosec.

**ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES (HC)**

The Catechism  
In a Year



[www.ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear](http://www.ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear)

**YOUTH PROGRAMS AT HOLY CROSS**

**Confirmation Class:**  
Next Class Sunday, February 26 at 3:30 pm or Wednesday, March 1 at 6 pm

**Youth Group:**  
We will be making candy for our Samaritan Easter baskets on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 3-4:30 pm in the cafeteria. Come join us for service and comradery. All are welcome - if you bring a friend from outside the parish, please make sure they have a Form A.

**Parent Meeting for Teens attending Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer:**  
Parents are asked to please attend either Sunday, February 26 at 7 pm in the Matthew/Mark room of the ELC building. We will go over registration, fundraising, as well as answer any questions parents may have.

**Parent Meeting:**  
For parents of candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation - please mark your calendar for our final parent meeting on Sunday, March 5 or Monday, March 6 at 7 pm in the ELC Building Matthew Mark room. Sign up for interviews as well as final instructions for Confirmation will be shared.

**Purse Bingo:**  
Tickets are going fast - please join us for our annual Purse Bingo fundraiser on Saturday, March 25.



Doors open at 6 pm and Bingo begins promptly at 7 pm. Email [ldarling@holycrossover.org](mailto:ldarling@holycrossover.org) to reserve your spot. Cost is \$30 per person - includes snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Cash Bar with beer and wine available.

**SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
**No Religious Education classes on Sunday, February 19th.**

**First Communion classes Immaculate Conception:** Third Session is Tuesday, February 21st, 6:30-7:30pm in the ICC hall.

**Youth Confirmation for Immaculate Conception:** Fifth Session is Sunday, March 12, at 2:30-5pm in the Parish hall. This will be final session for the Sacrament. All paperwork due this day.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE: (HC AND ICC)**

Bishop Koenig invites youth, young adults, and families from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the twelfth Pilgrimage on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Pilgrims from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with the Bishop as a representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and His journey on Good Friday to Calvary. The day begins at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring The Scally Brothers at 10:00 am. We conclude with the 4pm Mass at St. Elizabeth. Don't miss this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten journey with hundreds of your peers. Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch).

**For Holy Cross:** To register, please contact Linda Darling at [ldarling@holycrossover.org](mailto:ldarling@holycrossover.org). For more information, visit [www.cdowcym.org](http://www.cdowcym.org). Registration deadline is March 20, 2023.

**For Immaculate Conception:** To register, please contact Alicia Poppiti 410-482-8939 at Immaculate Conception for more information.

Last week my objective was to give some insight into the art department here at Holy Cross. I highlighted particular artists who have been awarded recognition for the creative and astute pieces submitted for adjudication into the National Scholastic Art program. I focused on two middle school artists. Written reflections on their work revealed a personal distress for social concerns such as the effects of global wildfires on fauna inhabiting the earth, while another young artist expressed her concern for the effect that the internet has on society and the lack of security associated with its use. Both artists were able to illustrate their concerns through their creativity and artistic expression. Two more pieces of art and extracts of personal reflection of the artist is the focus as I conclude my short, two week mini-series on the National Scholastic Art submissions for the 2022-2023 school year.

**Pitty Please Adopt Me by Meadow M.**

*For my art piece I would say I stuck with the same idea the whole way through. I always wanted to make a comic, no doubt, finding a topic to do it on was something I was struggling with. Thinking of the things that I relate to, I decided to create work about pit bulls. I decided to make a comic about how pit bulls are never adopted and are euthanized the majority of the time in shelters.*

*The general idea is that these pit-bull dogs are being killed or just not taken care of based on just stereotypes of these dogs. Having pit bulls at home I know that those stereotypes are far from true. I tried to show that the pit bull had feelings because it was not being adopted. I made the pit bull happier and more excited in the beginning, but by the end it was just sad and defeated. This can also represent how it can be for certain groups of people as well. Many people deal with stereotyping based on how they look, how they dress, their hobbies, and for so many other reasons.*

*....If I were to give next year's participants advice, I would tell them to put in the effort in the beginning and to take the class seriously. The reward at the end is worth it because you will have good work and can be proud of yourself.*

*The process of making my project was a lot of work, but also enjoyable. My favorite part was definitely creating my sketch and trying to create my vision.*

*Working through initial struggles with decision making, this next artist tells us how advice from Mrs. Benini led her to her final decision to enter her piece in the Fashion category for this year's program.*

**Fashion, At What Cost? By Dana S.**

*..... As Ms. Benini and I were discussing the different animal possibilities, however, we formed the idea of a jacket, each part of it painted with a different animal pattern to represent certain animals that were endangered and threatened, yet still killed for fashion. Arriving at my final project idea definitely took a little while, especially since it changed so much. I think I decided on the idea sometime in the middle of September.*

*I started by researching different animals that were killed for fashion even though they were endangered. I finally decided on the golden-mantled tree kangaroo, grizzly bear, Amur leopard, Iberian lynx, Burmese python, and North African ostrich. I then drew some sketches of the jacket, deciding which part would go where. I put the kangaroo and bear on the sleeves, the leopard and lynx on the body, the python as the belt, and the ostrich feathers around the collar. I also searched for jackets online until I found the perfect one. While it was being ordered, I tested paints and learned to make fabric paint using fabric medium. I also cut a few cardboard boxes to put in the sleeves and body of the jacket for when I created the designs and patterns.*

*I mixed some reddish brown paint to start on the golden-mantled tree kangaroo sleeve. I completed the kangaroo and moved onto the grizzly bear. Next, I moved onto a much harder part of the project: the body. I started with the lynx, brushing it with a pretty gray. Then I began the design, a pattern of dots and lines. When I finished, it looked great. After that, I began the leopard print. My original attempt on the spots was way too small. I had to paint over it with gold several times to erase it. I figured out the design on another piece of paper, then tried again. This time, I got it right. The pattern took a little longer than I expected, but it turned out how I wanted it. Next, I moved onto the python belt...One of the biggest problems I encountered was getting the belt on. There were loops for it, but I needed the back open for the blood and lettering. I ended up cutting the loops off.... After that, I moved onto the back, which was easily the scariest part of the project. I had to successfully letter the words 'Senselessly Sacrificed', The final part of my project was the ostrich feathers. I painted them black and white, then hot glued them onto the collar.*

*My finished artwork is very meaningful to me. Not only does it symbolize what I am fully capable of and who I am as a person, but it also represents the animals who, even though they are already endangered, are still killed for pointless reasons, such as fashion. This jacket was definitely a challenge, but I did it. I am very proud of myself that I stuck to it, worked hard, and completed it on time. Creating the jacket was an extraordinary journey, and one that I will never forget.*

My personal regret is that the reader of these two articles may never have the privilege of laying eyes on the artwork created by these seventh and eighth grade students; they are no less than amazing. Honestly.

of our mortality, our need for humility and the truth that one day we will, each of us, have to stand before God to answer for our lives. Thus, it is time to repent, or as the old song says, time to “straighten up and fly right.”

Who is Walter B. Pitkin? So, Ash Wednesday rightly and propitiously begins our 40-day season of repentance. At the end of that 40 days of penitence and repentance, the glory of Easter and Resurrection beckon. In 1932, a man named Walter B. Pitkin wrote a book that became a seminal writing in the American understanding of life; the book was called “Life Begins at 40.” The book reminds folks that the best things are worth waiting for. And so, for us, as Catholics, a season of penitence begins on Ash Wednesday, and “New Life Begins at 40 (Days)” – and that’s definitely worth waiting for!

**Big Macs Beware!** This 40-day season of Lent, also begins a time for fasting and sacrifice. To remind us of this, Ash Wednesday is designated as a day of both fasting and abstinence from meat. This means the faithful are generally prescribed to engage in a day of fasting (only one full meal, two much smaller meals) and abstinence (no consumption of meat). Fasting and abstinence also applies on Good Friday. Abstinence from meat (without fasting) also applies to every Friday in Lent.

**The Fast and the...** Fasting is put in place to get our minds away from food and earthly desires so that we may focus our mind on Christ and his salvific act, and, in turn, focus the eyes of our faithfulness on God and his Church. Or maybe in simpler terms it is a season wherein we are called to reflect on the great sacrifice of what Christ did for us, and then ask ourselves if we are living lives that honor of that great sacrifice. This is exactly what Lent calls us to do in our spirit of fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

**Meat-ing Cancelled.** Why do we abstain from eating meat on Fridays? Why meat, why not abstain from broccoli (that would have been my vote)? One way of reflecting on this sacrifice is to think of it in this context: The animals that we commonly get meat from are traditionally the animals that were offered in Sacrifice by the Priests in ancient Judaism in the Temple. With Christ’s sacrifice, animal sacrifices no longer were necessary. Abstaining from meat is one way, within Church discipline, that we can share in and recognize Christ’s perfect sacrifice that did away with sacrifices required under the Old Covenant. There are other historical reasons that speak to the development of Catholicism’s “meatless Fridays” – but the devotional understanding above is probably a good way to understand the significance of these days of abstinence, these Fridays of Lent. Further the Church teaches that fasting and abstinence “prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart” (CCC 2043) allowing us to focus on our relationship with the God who gave us life.

Of Radishes, Rutabagas and Rules. We are also commended to make sacrifices during Lent – to give up something during the 40 days of Lent that would be a sacrifice for us (thus, for me, giving up broccoli, radishes or rutabagas would not really be acceptable – as those would not be sacrifices at all). Our Lenten sacrifice further unites us to Christ’s sacrifice and draws us closer to God. The rules for fasting and abstinence for Lent are found elsewhere in this bulletin.

**The Color ~~Purple~~ Violet.** Violet (or “purple” as we say in our everyday vernacular) is a symbol of penance and humility. Violet is the color used during the Seasons of Lent as well as the Season of Advent – both seasons associated with a penitential tone, one awaiting the birth of the Savior, the other pointing towards His passion, death and resurrection. Violet, as used by the Church for Lent (as well as for Advent) is an amaranth red (i.e., reddish purple). Contrary to a commonly held ecclesial urban legend, the Church does not demarcate a different shade of violet for Advent as opposed to Lent; thus to put it poetically, “Roses are red, and Violet is amaranth red.”

The violet-tinged Season of Lent is a time of turning back to God and repenting of our sins. It is a time when we are to renew listening to and living the teachings of our faith and hearing and heeding God’s voice. During this season of Lent live your faith more fully by prayer, repentance and fasting. If you live your faith in this manner, Lent will be a time well-spent that brings you closer to God and his one holy Church.

Yours in Christ,  
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