



CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

January 26, 2020

3rd 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-2 pm

SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-2 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:15, 11:00 am, 6 pm
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish
First Saturday, 5 pm, Children's Choir
Fourth Saturday, 5 pm, Gospel Choir
Alternate Sundays, 6 pm, Youth Choir

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, 6:30, 8 am
Wednesday, 8:15 am, 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, 4 pm, First Friday, 8:30 am
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am-Midnight

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

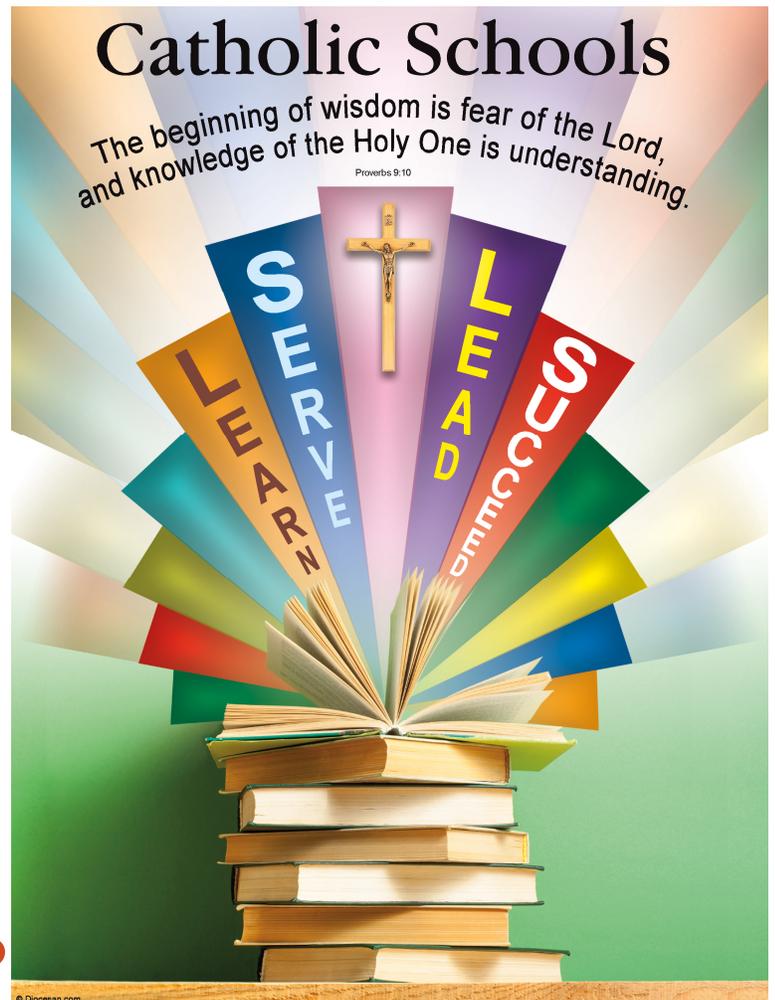
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 7 pm, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday, after 8:30 am Mass
Thursday, 6:30 pm



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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

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)

26 SUNDAY *2nd Sunday Ordinary Time*

HC 7:30 am, Breakfast by K of C, PH
 HC 9 am, RCIA, MT/MK
 HC 11 am, Open House, School
 ICC 9:40 am, SRE
 ICC 2:30 pm, Retiro de Jovenes, Hall
 ICC 2:30 pm, Adolescentes, CC
 HC 3:30 pm, Confirmation, MT/MK
 HC 3:30 pm, CCD, SCH

27 MONDAY *St. Angela Meri*

HC 8:45 am, Spirituality Group, LK
 HC 7:30 pm, CHWC Meeting, MT/MK

28 TUESDAY *St. Thomas Aquinas*

ICC 1 pm, Exercise, hall
 ICC 6:30 pm, 1st Communion Prep, Hall
 HC 7 pm, Adult Ed, MT/MK

29 WEDNESDAY

HC 9 am, Adult Ed, MT/MK
 HC 6:30 pm, Confirmation Class, MT/MK

30 THURSDAY

HC 8:45 am, Clergy Breakfast, SCH
 HC Noon & 6 pm, 1st Com. Parent Mtg, MT/MK
 ICC, 1 pm, Exercise, Hall
 HC 6 pm, School Concert, PH
 ICC 7 pm, Misa

31 FRIDAY *St. John Bosco*

ICC, 8 pm, Vigilia, CH
 HC 7 pm, Foro Cristiano, LK

1 SATURDAY *Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle*

HC 8 am, Day Retreat, MT/MK
 ICC 6:30 pm, Culto, Hall
 HC 6:30 pm, Mother/Son Dance, PH

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

ending January 12

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$38,173	\$28,300	\$9,873
YTD	\$817,494	\$798,400	\$19,094
Needs	\$1,605	\$1,586	\$262
Christmas	\$44,803	\$50,500	(\$5,667)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

En\$19ding January 12

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$3,321
Second	\$991

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.”

Dear Parishioners,

Last week, noting the great January Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (which we celebrate this weekend on January 25), as well as the 2019 conversion of an Anglican Bishop (and Chaplain to Queen Elizabeth) to Catholicism, I began this two-part column highlighting some of the great conversions to Catholicism that are peppered throughout our long history. Last week, I covered the conversion of St. Paul, St. Augustine and the Roman Emperor Constantine. This week, as the column continues, I will be writing about the conversion of King Clovis, St. Francis, St. Kateri Tekakwitha and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

The Conversion of Clovis. Clovis was King of the Franks (although, I always thought Sinatra should have that title). King Clovis was down on his luck; the German tribes were beating his troops like a rented mule and invading his kingdom. In terms of faith, Clovis was an idol-worshipping pagan, but His wife, Clotilde, was a Christian. Clotilde urged him to pray to God; and heeding his wife's admonitions, he did. It is said that he prayed: "Most mighty God, whom my Queen worships and adores with heart and soul, I pledge you perpetual service unto your faith, if only you give me now the victory over my enemies." And his prayer was answered: His troops began winning. Clovis ultimately conquered much of the Germanic area of Europe. He then made his profession of faith, was baptized and then convinced the various pagan chieftains within his kingdom to do likewise. And from that one key conversion, Europe was on its way to becoming a fully Christian continent. And what about Clotilde, well, she did well – she is now St. Clotilde.

The Conversion of St. Francis. St. Francis started out a young man seeking glory and knighthood in battle. He had a conversion made up several life-changing experiences. While earlier experiences moved him seeking the glories of this world, a key moment of conversion occurred one day when St. Francis came upon a leper. His first impulse was of revulsion; to look away and move on. Instead Francis was moved by love of God to embrace the leper. On his deathbed, St. Francis cited this as a key moment of conversion saying, "On his death bed he recalled the encounter as the crowning moment of his conversion: "What seemed bitter to me was changed into sweetness of soul and body." By the power of this moment of conversion, and by God's later call to him to "rebuild my Church," St. Francis started the Franciscan order, which to this day serves the Church and the world with the inspiration that drove his conversion.

The Conversion of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. A member of the Mohawk Indian tribe, St. Kateri was a young girl whose ill health in early years left her sickly. Listening to the preaching of Jesuit Missionaries, St. Kateri moved away from the religious practices of her people, and became a convert to Catholicism as a teenager, and was baptized at age

20. As a result of her conversion, her family and her people shunned St. Kateri. But she remained firm in faith. By her example other Indian tribesmen converted and joined her in a Christian Indian colony. Kateri had a deep devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist and to Christ crucified. Inspiring many, she died at age 24, in 1680.

The Conversion of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Following the death of her husband, a widow with five children, an Episcopalian named Elizabeth Ann Seton found solace in the Catholic faith. She had a belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and in the truth that the Catholic Church was the one true Church. She converted to Catholicism, which alienated her family who cut her off from any assistance and aid she may have needed. To help care for her kids she opened a school in Boston which was a great success. She was soon approached by the Archbishop of Baltimore to open a Catholic school for girls. She accepted the request, and thus began the beginnings of the parochial school system in the U.S. She then went on to found the Sisters of Charity to staff the schools. A school system and a religious order all came to be because of the conversion of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Final Thoughts: Conversion and All that Jazz. In 1981, jazz guitarist George Benson hit the top ten of the American pop charts with a song with a conversion-type title, "Turn Your Love Around." That title sums up a key to conversion – we have to turn our love around. If God is not the center of life, we have to turn things around. Amidst the twang of his guitar, Benson sang, "You've got the love, you've got the power, but you just don't understand." Indeed, we sometimes don't understand the place of primacy that God is to have in our lives. But we have the love and the power to make the need change. Sometimes in great conversions, like that of St. Paul or even that of Gavin Ashenden, an Anglican Bishop converting to Catholicism, the change is more than just a change in focus, or everyday recommitment to God, but rather it means a larger leap to correcting fundamental errors in one's belief and actual making a change of one's professed faith.

And so, by reflecting on these great conversions in faith history, and perhaps after listening to a little jazzy touch of George Benson, you can commit to seeking always to draw back to God if you find yourself drifting away. Make time to – as the song says – turn your love around; that is make time to answer God's continuing call to conversion. With the inspiration of those who made history-changing conversion, perhaps we can more easily seek to make those everyday conversions back to God that keep us strong in our faith.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

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PRO LIFE CORNER

- Help save lives of the unborn in Dover. Join Holy Cross and other local church groups in prayer each Friday morning from 9 AM – noon at Planned Parenthood of Dover.
- **The 1st trimester** -- Fetal development begins soon after conception. Find out how your baby grows and develops during the first trimester. **Week 8: Baby's nose forms** --- Eight weeks into your pregnancy, or six weeks after conception, your baby's lower limb buds take on the shape of paddles. Fingers have begun to form. Small swellings outlining the future shell-shaped parts of your baby's ears develop and the eyes become obvious. The upper lip and nose have formed. The trunk and neck begin to straighten. By the end of this week, your baby might be about 1/2 inch (11 to 14 millimeters) long from crown to rump — about half the diameter of a quarter.
- About 40 Days for Life: The next 40 Days for Life Campaign begins February 20, 2020. Mark your calendar and sign up online at www.40daysforlife.com/dover or www.40daysdover.com.

"The life in pro-life denotes not the quality of life, but life itself." ~John Shimkus

SAVE THE DATE (HC)

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF DEL-MARVA'S 1st ANNUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE

Theme: "The Holy Family – Your Holy Family"
 Register now for the Catholic Men's Fellowship 1st ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Saturday, March 21, 2020, 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM at The Church of the Holy Cross, Dover, De. Speakers are Jesse Romero*, Father Ed Meeks*, Kevin Wells speaking live in Dover. Breakfast and Lunch included. For details, call 302-331-6935, e-mail CMFDelmarva@gmail.com. To Register go on line to Eventbright.com – tickets \$35.00/p or \$65.00 Father and Son (one ticket admits both) *indicates speaker *livestreamed from Baltimore Conference*

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FIRST READING: MALACHI 3:1-4

Malachi prepares the way for today's feast: the Lord will enter his Temple.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 2: 14-18

Jesus has come to confront the powers of evil.

GOSPEL: LUKE 2:22-40

Joseph and Mary fulfill the requirements of the Law and present Jesus in the Temple. It provides an opportunity for two aged people who have remained attentive to God to speak prophetically about this child as the salvation of all nations.

MEN OF HOLY CROSS (HC)

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 like-minded men? Join the Men of Holy Cross for our weekly meetings: Wednesday mornings at 6:30 AM at the

Early Learning Center in the Luke Room (second floor) for prayer, timely discussions on current events, Church teachings and good fellowship. For more information contact call 302-313-6935 or e-mail MenOfHolyCross@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Even if both of you have similar political leanings, you certainly know people who have different opinions about religion or politics. Find someone who disagrees with you this week (maybe your spouse) and listen carefully to understand more than to persuade.

PARENTING POINTERS

As a parent it is natural to be both proud and worried about your child. Read the whole story of the Presentation in the temple today and imagine yourself in Mary & Joseph's sandals.

MEN OF MALVERN

Men of Malvern, a retreat once a year isn't enough. Let's get together for breakfast and fellowship once a month. Beginning in January (the 25th) we will gather at The Country Eatery at 9am (after morning Mass; optional) on the third Saturday of each month. The Country Eatery is just passed Silver Lake on North State Street. Come and join us!!! All are welcome.

RECENTLY DECEASED (HC)

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of the following:

- *Connie Jaconi*
- *Kathleen King*
- *Donna Marie Lasana*
- *Eugene Errera*

May the Souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

VOCATIONS

Family life can build values integral to a strong vocation — whether to priesthood, religious life or marriage. Teaching your children to value commitment, service and prayer will help them make strong vocation decisions as adults and live out those vocations with success and fulfillment. *Serra for priestly and religious vocations*

MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

27 MONDAY

HC 6:30 am M/M Jeffrey Burandt (LI)
 HC 8:00 am Mary Castiglione

28 TUESDAY

HC 6:30 am Tyler Jonathan Stokes
 HC 8 am Tyler J. Stokes

29 WEDNESDAY

HC 6:30 am Kim Naylor
 HC 8:15 am June Clacher

30 THURSDAY

HC 6:30 am Mario Beltran
 HC 8:00 am Tyler J. Stokes
 ICC 7 pm For the People

31 FRIDAY

HC 6:30 am Mario Beltran
 HC 8:00 am Tyler J. Stokes

1 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Elizabeth D' Aguillo
 HC 5 pm Robert A. Bronk

2 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am John Mahar Sr. & Jr
 ICC 8:30 am Martha Gravenor
 HC 9:15 am Rose Gazzaro
 HC 11 am Patricia Precourt Looney
 ICC 11 am Anna & Andrew Tretina
 HC 1 pm Joseph Girgis
 ICC 1 pm Angela Dosman
 HC 6 pm M/M S. J. Balcerak

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

TABERNACLE & SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS (JAN 26— FEB 1)

HC Adoration Chapel Adolf Korosec, Sr.
 HC Church Barbara Raksnis

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION HOURS AVAILABLE (HC)

Our Lord is waiting for YOU to come spend an hour each week with Him. Please help us to fill some of the available hours. Contact JoAnn Pate 302-674-4496 for one of the hours listed below.

SUNDAY 11 am, 11 pm

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY 5 am, 5 pm, 11 pm

THURSDAY 7 am, 4pm

FRIDAY 10 pm

SATURDAY Noon, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm, 11 pm

MASS MINISTERS

FEB 1/2

HOLY CROSS			
	EMHC		SERVERS
5:00 PM	D. DeVigili	C. Helwig	L. Curley
	J. Clendaniel	J. Killman	M. Clemente
	J. Davis	K. O'Neill	N. Onugu
	B. Holmes	J. Priest	LECTORS
	D. King	R. Vinsen	
		F. Hettinger	F. Urick
			J. Benzin
7:30 AM	J. Fischer	A. Mackey	M. Neal
	A. Fischer	M. Thompson	N. Whitman
	M. Bailey	T. Walsh	B. Stumpf
			LECTORS
			D. Kilby
			R. Pritchett
9:15 AM	C. Bugglin	T. Arndt	R. Garnsey
	M. Wessel	R. Wiley	D. TAniform
	M. MacLeish	L. Carr	K.. Taniform
	G Wessel	L. Olmsted	LECTORS
	A. Hlafka	J. Chandler	
	J. Bieker	M. Sherlock	
		P. Jones	
11:00 AM	W. Aschenberg	D. Petka	C. Powell
	R. Aschenberg	T. Petka	N. Hankoua
	P. Keller	R. Bratz	M. Maddalena
	C. Robinson	R. Bratz	LECTORS
	D. Lyons	C. Barnes	
		K. Maddalena	C. Walls
		S. Crossen	
1:00 PM	E. Guzman	M. Rivera	C. Cortes
	B. Guzman	E. Pastoriza	M. Luna
	C. Valdes		LECTORS
			E. Vicente
			V. Betancourt
6:00 PM	V. Balcerak	L. Darling	N. Kosior
	D. Balcerak	D. Novak	C. Caleb
	R. Katcher	R. Bracy	K. Ford
	R. Kosior	A. Wyllie	LECTORS
	D. Darling	M. Ratbun	
		M. Caccese	TBD
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION			
8:30 AM	S. Bell	K. Durham	A. Locke
			LECTORS
			D. Smith
11:00 AM	J. Stewart	L. Schlaupitz	V. Haas
			J. Santizo
			LECTORS
			L. Soule
1:00 PM	O. Roblero	R. Morales	C. Gabriel
	N. Capistran	D. Cuin	S. Ramirez
	S. Morales		LECTORS
			F. Berduo
			Jasmin

PURSE BINGO (HC)

Join us Saturday evening, February 29 for a fun-filled evening, and a chance to win a great purse! Cost is \$20 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 Hartford, CT. Thank you for your support.

YOUNG AT HEART (HC)

Young At Heart Seniors will meet February 10 at the Early Learning Center Matthew/Mark room. Ms. Monifa Carter: Reference Librarian at Delaware State University will be the speaker. Her topic "Reasons to move on" African Americans during the first migration. All seniors are welcome and may begin coming at 10:30. Lunch is \$5.00. If the school is closed due to inclement weather we will not meet. If the school is delayed we will meet.

TAX LETTERS (HC)

We will automatically be emailing contribution letters for 2019 to your email(s) on we have on file. If you do not receive one and would like it mailed to you, please contact Michele Dornberger at mdornberger@holycrossdover.org or call the Parish Office at 674 5787 ext 116.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, February 1st, author, Elizabeth Klein will discuss her book, "God: What Every Catholic Should Know." After it airs, listen online anytime at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts.

COLLECTION COUNTERS (ICC)

Feb 2 Elisa & Tom Costello

Feb 9 Marilyn Dixon & Maurillo Gabriel

Feb 16 Ann Lawson & Julia Moore

CHURCH CLEANING CREW (ICC)

ENERO 30: GRUPO #13

Miguel Lopez, Veronica Lopez, Gregorio Lopez, Juan Ramirez, Federico Perez

FEBRERO 6: GRUPO #14

Genaro Perez, **Elizabeth Lopez**, Edelfo Tomas, Alfonso Chun

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT (ICO)

Saturday, March 28, 2020

11 AM – 5 PM

Immaculate Conception Church Hall

Cost \$20 per team (2 players per team)

1st & 2nd place prizes

Food and Beverages will be on sale.

Signups 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM in the Church Hall

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Any questions please contact Keith DeFrancesco at 302-382-9878.

RETRouvaille

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their Marriage through Retrouvaille (Retro-VIE). If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program please pass it on. Couples learn to build communications skills and rediscover intimacy. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program in your area begins on the weekend of February 21-23 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Another weekend will be held in April. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215 766 3944. All inquiries are confidential.

PARISH DIRECTORIES (ICC)

The Parish Directories have arrived. The parishioners who had their pictures taken may stop by and pick up their directory in the office.

PARISH DIRECTORIES (HC)

Lifetouch is making its final revisions on Holy Cross' Directory. They should be arriving within the next few weeks. Watch bulletin for further information.



- Agradecemos a la directiva del Ministerio Hispano muy en especial a la presidente a la Sra. Tayde Hernández por su trabajo en estos pasados dos años. Tenemos que seleccionar una nueva directiva, si usted desea participar o conoce a una persona que desea formar parte de la nueva junta directiva, por favor hable con algún miembro de la directiva saliente o con la directora del Ministerio Hispano. Que se necesita para ser miembro de la junta directiva? 1. Ser miembro inscrito en la parroquia, 2. Orar y poner todo en las manos de Dios. 3. Compromiso de que es su responsabilidad de participar en los eventos que se hacen empezando por su participación en la Santa Misa. 4. Ganas de trabajar por el bienestar de la comunidad parroquial, 5. Iniciativa traer nuevas ideas para el mejoramiento de la comunidad parroquial y seguir los reglamentos de la parroquia. La nueva directiva tomara posesión el 1 de julio, 2020 hasta el 30 de junio 2022. El día 16 de febrero tendremos nuestra reunión de planeamiento, se someterá a votación todas las nominaciones para la selección de la nueva junta directiva.
- El domingo 2 de febrero tendremos la celebración de la fiesta de la Presentación del Señor y la fiesta de Nuestra Sra. de la Candelaria, los

que fueron bendecidos con el niño de la Rosca serán los anfitriones y nos traerán los tamales para compartir, también se les invita a traer a sus niñitos dioses para la levantada en la cafetería de la parroquia seguida después de la santa Misa.

- Conozca su Fe católica venga todos los viernes al el Foro Cristiano comenzando el viernes, viernes 3 de enero, 2020, a las 6:30 de la tarde en el ELC la nueva serie " Symbolon. Más de 2000 años de enseñanza de la Fe católica explicada sistemáticamente y presentada en video.
- Los Bautismos son los primeros domingos de cada mes, después de la Santa Misa en Español 2:30 pm. La clase pre-bautismales son los segundos domingos de cada mes. Los requisitos para ser padrinos tienen que ser Católicos practicante, y en comunión con la iglesia.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

REGULAR CCD CLASSES

Wednesdays- Next Class January 29: 6:00pm-7:30pm

Sundays – January 26: 3:30pm-5:30pm

Next Class February 9: 3:30pm-5:30pm

Reminder: Parents are to walk their children to the classroom and pick them up from the classroom. Please do not drop children at the door.

ADULT EDUCATION (HC)

We are continuing the series Catholicism: The Pivotal Players with the following players: St. Augustine, St. Benedict, Fulton J. Sheen, Flannery O'Connor

Classes will run through February 5 on either Tuesday evenings at 7pm or Wednesday mornings at 9:30am in the Matthew/Mark Room in the Parish Office. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or by calling (302) 674-5787 ext.122.

CONFIRMATION CLASS (HC)

Next Classes: Sunday, January 26 and February 2 at 3:30 pm

Wednesday, January 29 and February 5 at 6 pm

Reminder - Please have your Sponsor Form turned in at class.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP (HC)

Monday, January 27 at 7:30 pm. All High School teens (including 8th graders) welcome to come hear about our Mission Trip to Hartford July 5-10, 2020. Questions answered, and teens available to talk about their experiences with trips in the past.

PARENT MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION (HC)

Monday, February 10 or Tuesday, February 11 at 7 pm in the Matthew/Mark room ELC Building 2nd Floor.

Final instructions for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be discussed as well as sign up for interviews which take place February 18 through February 22. VERY important that at least one parent attend this meeting.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

- Parent Reminder: Parents are to walk their children to the classroom and pick them up from the class-room. Please do not drop children in parking lot or at the door.
- Classes for School of Religious Education are from 9:40 am to 10:50 am in classrooms.

SACRAMENTAL PREP (ICC)

First Communion: Tuesday, January 28, at 6:30-7:30 in the Hall. Parents, please attend with child.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK (ICC)

Theme: Jesus calls us to follow him; our lives will never be the same.

Question for Children: How do you hear Jesus calling you to do what he wants you to?

Question for Youth: As you grow into young adulthood, Jesus calls you to follow him in particular ways, both big and small. What are some of the small ways in which Jesus calls you to follow him?

Question for Adults: How does Jesus call you to assist in his ministry: the building up of the Reign of God? How do you know what God wants of you in this regard?

WANTED (ICC)

Person or persons to coordinate the Annual Penny Party at Immaculate Conception. All information will be given to you, and you will be "trained". Many hands work this event and they are in need of a new leader. Please contact ICC office at 410 482 7687 if interested. Thank you.

At this time, the office asks that you do not bring any donations to the office or otherwise until we have a new coordinator.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS (ICC)

The next meeting Tues, January 28, at 7pm in the Knights Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. Membership is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact Grand Knight, Keith DeFrancesco at weldaway@msn.com. Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509

TAX LETTERS (ICC)

The 2019 tax donation letters will be printed upon request. Please call or come to the office to have your letter printed.





BELIEVE.

- ◇ Monday, January 27th- 9:30 am Joint Mass w/STMA
- ◇ 12pm on Tuesday, January 28th through 12pm Wednesday, January 29th - Many Gifts, One Nation Day of Online Giving <https://factsmgtadmin.com/give/appeal/LcZeshh>

LEARN.

- ◇ Sunday, January 26th - Table in the Gathering Spaces showcasing Holy Cross School and the Book Fair begins.
- ◇ Wednesday, January 29th - Celebrating our Nation with classroom activities in the afternoon.
- ◇ Thursday, January 30th – Student written thank you letters to parents will go home in Thursday Communicators.

SERVE.

- ◇ Celebrating our Volunteers: The 8:15 am Mass will be offered on March 11th for the Holy Cross School volunteers past and present. It is our way of thanking those who have served and offered their time so generously over the years.
- ◇ Friday, January 31st - Silly Sock Day Service Project: Students may wear a pair of silly socks with their uniform if they bring in a brand new pair of socks to be donated to Code Purple.
- ◇ Friday, January 31st – Celebrating how our teachers serve us with a Teacher Appreciation Coffee Cart provided by the Home and School Association.

LEAD.

- ◇ Wednesday, January 29th – Celebrating our Parish community: Our Student

Council leaders will distribute bookmarks to the parishioners after 8:15 am Mass. The bookmarks are a gift from our school community in thanksgiving for the support of our parishioners. A representative from the National Catholic Educational Association will present the 2020 Youth Virtues, Valor and Vision award after 8:15 am Mass.

- ◇ Thursday, January 30th – Celebrating our Spiritual Leaders: 8:45 am breakfast with 8th grade altar servers and clergy sponsored by Student Council.
- ◇ Celebrating our athletic teams and performing arts: Wednesday, January 29th - 4:00 pm Girls and Boys Basketball vs. Caravel and Thursday, January 30th - 4:00 pm Girls and Boys Basketball vs. St. Anne’s Episcopal and 6:00 pm Fifth Grade Beginning Band Concert.

SUCCEED.

- ◇ Tuesday, January 28th – Celebrating the success of our students with a Tag Day and (1:30 pm) class competitions of Human Hungry, Hungry Hippo in the gym.
- ◇ Thursday, January 30th - 10:00 am 4th – 8th grade Spelling Bee in Parish Hall.
- ◇ Friday, January 31st - 9:00 am School-wide talent show in the Parish Hall and 1:30 pm Volleyball game 8th grade versus teachers, parents, and STMA students who are alumni.

Please consider a gift to Holy Cross School.
Our school's landing page is:
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. A theme for National Catholic Schools Week has been adapted for the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wilmington for use not just during this week, but for the duration of each school year: "Catholic Schools: Believe. Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." I hope you agree that the staff, students, and alumni of Saint Thomas More Academy strive to live out each tenant of that theme in their daily lives.

Each day this week, the Ravens will celebrate a different theme. But there is one in particular I'd like to call to your attention so that you may celebrate with us!

Today, Sunday, January 26 we "Celebrate Our Parish." Please know that we at STMA recognize this parish community as our key motivation for our work. Though STMA has its roots as a Diocesan school at its inception, it has always relied on the strength of the Holy Cross Community to make it a success.

It is your faith commitment which lead parishioners to draw up plans for our school and trust God to see that process through to completion. It is your children who excel in Holy Cross School and the Holy Cross religious education program who come to make up our student rosters, ready with creative minds, servant hearts, and energy to make student programs robust. It is you who support us financially through generous giving and attendance at special events and fundraisers. And it is you who offer your support through prayer and faith leadership, helping us to hand our faith on to our students as they prepare for adult lives.

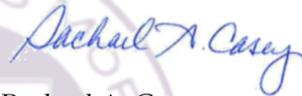
You are now, more than ever, our partners in Catholic education. We are proud to be officially under the care and operation of

Holy Cross Parish since 2017. It is our goal to grow ever closer as Catholic communities working toward the same goal: to live out our faith as Christ taught us. Thank you for your enduring support. Today, we celebrate Holy Cross Parish!

God bless Saint Thomas More Academy and its parish, The Church of the Holy Cross!

Please visit us in the lobby this weekend! Students and staff will be present to share our thanks and news of our school with you. We also hope you'll take note of our special event on February 22, 2020: the ForeverMORE Gala & Silent Auction! All are welcome. You can find more information by visiting our table, or calling the school office: 302-697-8100.

Yours in Christ



Rachael A. Casey,
Principal

