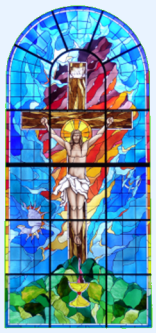

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Immaculate Conception

July 26, 2026 — **17th 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

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

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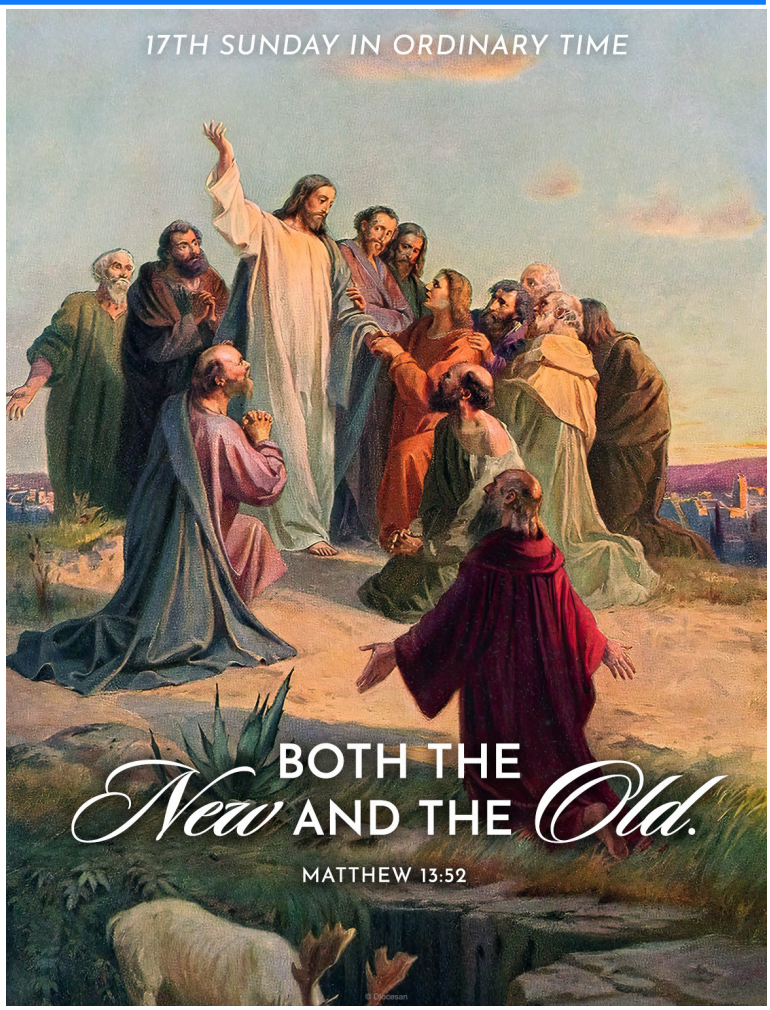
Parish Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-1 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

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

Daily Mass Schedule
Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish



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

sacraments

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.

happenings

Summer Hours

Both Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception are on their Summer Hours through Labor Day.

Holy Cross will be open Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm. Office is closed on Friday.

Immaculate Conception will be open Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 9 am to 1 pm. Office is closed on Wednesday and Friday.

Counters Needed

Volunteers Needed! If you have some spare time on Monday mornings, and would like to help the Parish Office count the donations that came during the weekend Masses, please call the Parish Office at 302-674-5787, ext. 110 to leave your name and contact information. We are hoping to establish several counting teams to help with this task each week.

Attention Ministry Leaders

Please kindly, send an email to Vivian Alvarado, at parishadmin@holycrossdover.org with information on what ministry you lead and your contact information. Thank you!

stewardship

Weekly Offering (HC)

Ending July 19, 2026

Offertory Type	Received
Regular	$12,372.20
Second	$493.00

Weekly Offering (ICC)

Ending July 19, 2026

Offertory Type	Received
Regular	$4,206.00
Second	$421.00

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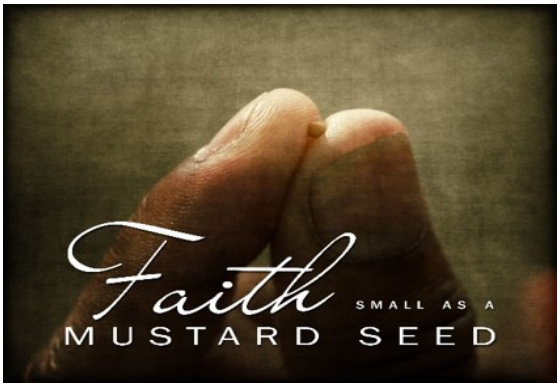
If you know of someone who would like to advertise in the bulletin, please contact Diocesan Publications at 800-233-8200.

A Word from your Administrator…



"I will open my mouth in parables,
I will announce what has lain hidden
from the foundation of the world."

A parable is a particular form of storytelling that invites the listener into the familiar getting them on board with the topic or experience and then has them see it another way. Jesus intentionally teaches in parables to help the crowds, and us, see the world through a different lens. These agricultural parables use what is familiar, to the farmer and gardener more so, but to all, inviting a way of understanding the Kingdom of God. They open us to the beauty and power that happens every season when we cooperate with nature to reveal God's abundance. It is always right there, "hidden", but for us to uncover, reveal and work with for His glory.

The Gospel parable today clearly makes reference to the evil one, the devil. The devil is good at creeping into our lives like a weed. We have to see it like we discern a weed from a flower or plant. It takes a little bit of experience to know what a young weed looks like so that it can be dealt with before it's too late. The same is true with the potentially bad things that we need to see and discern before they get bigger. Summer is always a good time to weed our own gardens to amazingly reveal what God has planted in us.

In His abundance,

Fr. Carroll

Faith and Charity Annual Catholic Appeal UPDATE – Holy Cross
Recent communication from the diocese has us at **$235,000** which is **$46,166** under our target. This includes gifts totaling **$8,802** from new givers! Thank you!

Faith and Charity Annual Catholic Appeal UPDATE – Immaculate Conception
Recent communication from the diocese has us at **$25,625** which is **$5,314** under our target. This includes gifts totaling $1,000 from new givers! Thank you!

MONDAY
July 27
Weekday
Jer 13:1–11
Mt 13:31–35

TUESDAY
July 28
Weekday
Jer 14:17–22
Mt 13:36–43

WEDNESDAY
July 29
Sts.Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Jer 15:10, 16–21
Jn 11:19–27 or
Lk 10:38–42

THURSDAY
July 30
Weekday
Jer 18:1–6
Mt 13:47–53

FRIDAY
July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Jer 26:1–9
Mt 13:54–58

SATURDAY
August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Jer 26:11–16, 24
Mt 14:1–12

SUNDAY
August 2
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:1–3
Rom 8:35, 37–39
Mt 14:13–21

HC & ICC Clergy

Vy, Rev. Norman P. Carroll	Administrator
Rev. John Enemuo	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Rommel Padilla	Parochial Vicar
Rev. John Hynes	In Residence

HC Clergy

Mr. Philip Belt	Deacon
Mr. John Harvey	Deacon
Mr. Richard Kosior	Deacon
Mr. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

HC Staff

Parish Office	302 674 5787
Lilie Ramos	Receptionist, ext. 110
Vivian Alvarado	Assistant to the Pastor, ext. 113
Darcee Impagliazzo	Business Manager, ext. 119
Rev. Padilla	Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. I15
Tammy Korosec	CRE Religious Ed, ext 122
Ashlyn Baynocky	Youth Ministry, ext. 123
Justin Wurzel	Maintenance Director
Len Dornberger Cemetery	Administrator, ext. 135
Michael Perza	Dir. of Music Ministry, 302 698 9302

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ICC Staff

Parish Office	410 482 7687
Marilyn Dixon	Office Manager
Alicia Poppiti	DRE Religious Ed.
Susan Venezia	Bookkeeper
Rev. Padilla	Dir. of Hispanic Ministry

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Marydel, MD 21649-0399

Holy Cross School

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

Mallory O'Mara	Principal, ext. 111

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Samaritan's Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of the following: Canned Kidney, Black and Pinto Beans, peanut butter, jelly, hamburger helper, one pound bags of rice, Manwich, Cereal, Jell-O, Chicken Broth. These and small packs of meat or burger can be left in the pantry drop off door behind the rectory.

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church is hosting a pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes with Barcelona - **September 13-22, 2026.** Join Fr. Volodymyr Klanichka and travel to two of the world's most revered pilgrimage sites. Experience the culture and beauty of Portugal, France, and Spain along the way! Double occupancy cost is $4,699 including airfare from Philadelphia and at least one meal each day.
For more information contact Fr. Volodymyr at Vovaklan@gmail.com or visit: https://groups.gocollette.com/en-US/link/1392151

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 and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held the weekend of July 31 - August 2, 2026 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. An additional program will be the weekend of October 2 - 4. For more information, call 215-766-3944 or visit www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Annual Appeal Update

The Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal continues to experience strong support throughout our Diocese. We are grateful to all who have already made a gift or pledge to this year's Appeal.

If you have pledged, please remember that fulfilling your commitment helps provide essential funding for ministries that serve those in need, support Catholic education, assist our parishes, form future priests and deacons, and strengthen the mission of the Church throughout Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore.

If you have not yet participated, there is still time. Every gift, regardless of size, makes a difference. New and returning donors also help our parish qualify for special rebate opportunities that directly benefit local parish ministries and programs. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal.

Recently Deceased

Our prayers and condolences to the families who have recently lost a loved one:

- William Byron McCalister, II

Welcome New Parishioners

We extend a warm welcome to our newly registered members:

- John & Catherine Santafemia

Become a registered parishioner today!

We welcome all visitors and newcomers to our Parish. If you wish to register please stop by the Parish Office.

Mass Intention
July/August

27 Monday
HC 8:00 am Ray Skocik

28 Tuesday
HC 8:00 am Kenneth Frank (LI)

29 Wednesday
HC 8:15 am Propst Family

30 Thursday
HC 8:00 am For the People
ICC 6:00 pm For the People

31 Friday
HC 8:00 am Bill & Mary Schultz

1 Saturday
HC 8:00 am For the People
HC 5:00 pm Helen Nichols

2 Sunday
HC 7:30 am For the People
ICC 8:30 am Thomas Heather
HC 9:30 am Edward Furjanic
ICC 11:00 am Lois Ann Ergenzinger
HC 11:30 am For the People
ICC 1:30 pm For the People

Sanctuary Candle in Church is for the intention of parishioners of Holy Cross.

Sanctuary Candle in the Adoration Chapel is for the intention of parishioners of Holy Cross..

Social Concerns School Drive!

Social concerns will be collecting school supplies for community families. There will be a table in the gathering space for donations on the weekend of August 1-2. Thank you for your participation.

faith in action

AUGUST 1/2, 2026

	EMHC		SERVERS
5:00 PM	M. Sirolli N. Sirolli	P. Sheldon J. Bieker	V. Everett J. Cutrona
			LECTORS
			D. Belt F. Urick
7:30 AM	M. Jacobs W. Thomas	R. O'Neill T. Svienty	L. Thomas G. Thomas
			LECTORS
			R. Pritchett
9:30 AM	K. Kelly S. Lascano	L. Olmstead V. Pepper	Wm. Shuron M. Willoughby
			LECTORS
			L. Olmstead C. Parks
11:30 AM	M. Espinosa M. Richard	E. Mendez	J. Cortes J. Cortes
			LECTORS
			A. Perez D. Torres

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM	B. Lawson		
			LECTORS
			B. Thompson
11:00 AM	F. Cristiano		
			LECTORS
			K. Perez

If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or an Altar Server, please all the Parish Office at Holy Cross. Leave your name and contact information.

As always, we can use more volunteers to become ministers to the sick and homebound. This ministry is growing daily and they so appreciate receiving Our Lord especially since they can't come to Mass. Sign up at the office if you are interested in learning more about this ministry.

ADORATION CHAPEL

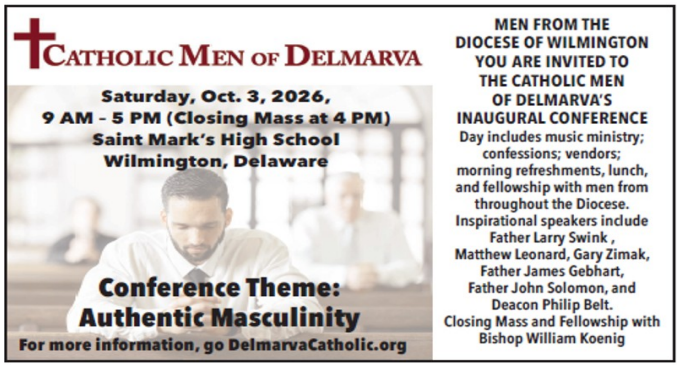
"A HOLY HOUR BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS WORTH MORE THAN A THOUSAND YEARS OF HUMAN GLORY."
ST. PADRE PIO

You don't need a time if you cannot make a commitment. Please feel free to come in and sit with our Lord, when you can! Contact JOHN MURPHY 302-233-1779, text, or email jkm2015@verizon.net

Times Available are:
Sunday 6-7am, 7-8am,
10-11am,5-6pm, 6-7pm, 8-9pm
Tuesday 6-7am, 3-4pm
Thursday 6-7am, 8-9pm
Friday 5-6pm
Saturday 12-1pm, 7-8pm, 8-9pm

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of November 6-8, 2026. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with grief and loss from abortion or miscarriage. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Bernardo-Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com by October



Adult Education Opportunities

Catechism in a Year:
https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear

Bible in a Year: In English: Father Mike Schmitz https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/

- **La Virgen Peregrina:** La Virgen Peregrina está visitando casas, si usted desea que la imagen de la virgen peregrina visite su casa por una semana, hable con nuestra hermana Marta Espinosa.

- **Jesús te Invita a que pases una hora con El: Capilla de Adoración Eucarística**: «Ven y pase una hora con Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento. Para anotarse llame a la oficina parroquial.

- **Las clases de educación religiosa se imparten en la Escuela Primaria Holy Cross Para más información comuníquese con**: Sra. Tammy Korosec Coordinadora de Educación Religiosa email -tkorosec@holycrossdover.org o llame al 302.674.5787 ext 122

- **APOSTOLADO DE LAS SIETE HERMANAS EN LA SANTA CRUZ** ¿Sabías que...? ¡Sin sacerdotes, No hay Sacramentos! Existe un grupo internacional de católicos que rezan diariamente por un sacerdote, y aquí en Holy Cross tenemos un grupo dedicado a nuestro propio sacerdote. Este grupo se basa en que siete mujeres hacen una Hora Santa ante nuestro Sumo Sacerdote Eucarístico, Jesús, por un sacerdote, todos los días, todas las semanas, durante todo un año… de ahí el nombre de Apostolado de las Siete Hermanitas. Nos encantaría que te unieras a esta iniciativa. Al fortalecer al sacerdote, fortaleces a toda la Iglesia Contacto: Delizabeth Díaz-Martínez correo electrónico 7sistersaposto-late2023@gmail.com

- **Voluntarios**: Se necesitan catequistas para el año escolar 2026-2027º 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.

- CONVIÉRTETE EN FELIGRÉS REGISTRADO HOY! Damos la bienvenida a todos los visitantes y recién llegados a nuestra parroquia. Si desea registrarse, por favor pase por la Oficina Parroquial.

PARROQUIA DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCION- MARYDEL

- Inscripciones para la Escuela Dominical: Ya se están recibiendo inscripciones para el próximo año. Por favor, inscriban a sus hijos ahora para asegurar su lugar en una clase aquí en la Inmaculada Concepción. Se necesitan catequistas para el año escolar 2026-2027. Si desean colaborar con la Educación Religiosa o con la Escuela Bíblica de Verano, por favor comuníquense con Alicia Poppiti al 410-482-8939. Ofrecemos clases desde septiembre hasta mayo. Se proporcionará capacitación y formación. Por favor, discernan si esta es su manera de contribuir con la comunidad de la Iglesia.

- **La Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones:** Ya está en preparación. Se llevará a cabo del 3 al 7 de agosto. Pronto se anunciará la fecha de una reunión de planificación. Avísenles a Meg o a la Sra. Alicia si están interesados en colaborar este año. Nuestro tema será "Rainforest Falls" (Cascadas de la Selva Tropical). Si desean colaborar con la Educación Religiosa o con la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones, por favor comuníquense con Alicia Poppiti al 410-482-8939 o a dre@iccmarydel.org.

faith formation

Religious Ed at Holy Cross

Registration for the 2026-27 Religious Education School Year is now open. Click on the QR Code to go to the website:

Adult Religious Education Classes

2026-27 Class – Beginning on

September 8th

If you have any questions or would like to order the workbook set, please contact Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

Do you have a love for Jesus and a desire to share that with the next generation? Do you feel called to evangelization?

We are looking for a few good team members for our Holy Cross Religious Education program, Confirmation and Youth Ministry and the Holy Cross Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) team. No experience is needed, just a willing heart to be a witness to your faith to others! If interested, please email Tammy Korosec, Coordinator of Religious Education at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org with your contact information and area of interest. You may also call (302) 674-5787 X 122 with any questions.

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)

LAFF (*Living as a Family of Faith Family Catechesis)*; Adult/child Meeting, the first and third Sunday of month 11:00am-1:00pm in the Matthew/Mark Room of the Parish Office. Family works on activities at home in between. (Limited to 25 families-after the max is met a second day/time will be established on a weeknight evening)

Youth Ministry

Registration for Confirmation Preparation 2027:

May be found on the church website under Confirmation 2027.

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Religious Education at ICC

Vacation Bible School is in the works. "Rainforest Falls": August 3-August 7.

A training will take place on Sunday, July 26th at 12 noon in meeting room.

SRE: Registrations are being taken now for next year. Please get your children registered now to save their place in a class here at Immaculate Conception. $50 per child, but if you are unable to pay at this time let us know. Do not let your child's religious formation lapse do to finances.

Catechists, assistants, and aids are needed for the 2026 -2027 school year. Kindergarten, Grade 5, OCIA, Confirmation Prep and assistants for several grades. We have classes from September -May. Training and formation provided. Please decern whether this is your way of giving back to the Church community. Any questions, please feel free to contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 or dre@iccmarydel.org Immaculate Conception:

Religious Education- I need of persons with a desire to broaden your faith while teaching others the Catholic faith. Call Alicia Poppiti 410-482-8939 to inquire. Kindergarten and 5th grade, and sacramental prep Catechist needed.

Dear Parishioners,

Each year, the Diocese of Wilmington introduces a theme that unites all of our Catholic schools in a shared journey of faith. This theme serves as a reminder that although each school community is unique, we are all working together to grow closer to Christ. Last year, we reflected on a different Spiritual Work of Mercy each month. This year, our schools will focus on the Corporal Works of Mercy through the beautiful theme, "Lord, Help Me to See."

As I began thinking about how to introduce this year's theme to our students, I found myself reflecting on how we can make it something they truly experience rather than simply something they read on a poster hanging in our hallways. I wanted our students to understand that this theme is not just a slogan. It is a call to recognize Christ in others, to respond with compassion, and to put our faith into action each day.

As I reflected on this, I immediately thought of the incredible witness recently given by our own Deacon Vince and Associate Superintendent Dr. Kulp during their mission trip to Kenya with *Water is Life Kenya.* Throughout the past school year, our students learned about this organization through assemblies, presentations, and our Lenten service project. This mission provided a meaningful opportunity for our school community to become part of something much greater than ourselves.

During their time in Kenya, Deacon Vince and Dr. Kulp truly lived the mission of our Diocese and the message of this year's theme. Deacon Vince had the privilege of blessing a newly completed well that now provides clean water to an entire community. Together, they celebrated Mass with the local faithful and worked alongside community members to renovate an early childhood center. They painted classrooms, assembled furniture, and helped provide financial support so that the center's teacher could receive the education and training needed to continue serving the children of Orarait.

Holy Cross was blessed to play a small but meaningful role in this mission. Through the generosity of our students and families, we donated art supplies so that each child could have materials of their own while also helping establish an art enrichment program for the school. Seeing the joyful faces of the children alongside Deacon Vince and Dr. Kulp reminded us that our prayers, generosity, and acts of kindness can reach far beyond the walls of our own community.

The theme, "Lord, Help Me to See," invites each of us to look beyond our own daily routines and recognize the needs of others. It reminds us that the Corporal Works of Mercy are not reserved for mission trips across the world. They begin in our homes, our classrooms, our parish, and our local community. Every act of kindness, every moment of service, and every opportunity to love our neighbor allows us to make Christ visible through our actions.

As we continue preparing for the beginning of another wonderful school year, our hope is that Holy Cross will be filled not only with meaningful learning experiences but also with countless opportunities for our students to deepen their faith and live the Gospel each day. We are so happy that Deacon Vince and Dr. Kulp made it back to Delaware safely. We look forward to welcoming Deacon Vince to share his experiences with our students and to help them see how their prayers, generosity, and support became part of this extraordinary mission.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of Holy Cross Catholic School. Together, may we ask the Lord each day to help us see His presence in those around us and to joyfully answer His call to serve.

God Bless,

Mrs. O'Mara

Queridos Feligreses,

Dios elige al Rey Salomón para ser el gobernante legítimo de su pueblo. La Palabra de Dios dice: "no ha llegado la palabra a tu boca y Dios ya la conoce". Dios sabe que el Rey Salomón medita sobre las limitaciones que tiene como ser humano para gobernar y por eso Dios se le aparece en sueños y le hace una solicitud: "pídeme lo que quieras, que yo te lo daré". El Rey Salomón responde: "Señor, Tú fuiste misericordioso con mi padre, tu siervo David, pero yo no soy más que un muchacho y no sé cómo actuar. Soy tu siervo y me encuentro perdido en medio de este pueblo tuyo, incontable e innumerable, imposible de contarlo. Por eso te pido que me concedas sabiduría de corazón para que sepa gobernar a tu pueblo y aprenda a distinguir entre el bien y el mal". En la Biblia hay muchos pasajes bíblicos, en los cuales las personas piden sólo para saciar sus placeres humanos, precisamente por ello es por lo que nuestro Señor Jesucristo en una ocasión dijo: "ustedes no saben pedir" sin embargo, el Rey Salomón sí supo pedir, porque pidió no para su propio beneficio personal, sino que pidió para el bien común, es decir, para el bien de todos. Los gobernantes de todas las naciones del mundo sólo necesitan una sola cosa para gobernar bien a sus pueblos: "SABIDURÍA". La Doctrina Social de la Iglesia Católica establece que el fin primero y último de todo gobierno es servir al bien común y promover la dignidad de la persona. Rechaza el autoritarismo y exige que los gobernantes sean éticos, transparentes y garanticen la justicia, la participación ciudadana y el respeto a los derechos humanos.

Complacido Dios con la respuesta del Rey Salomón le responde: "por haberme pedido SABIDURÍA para gobernar y no oro, no plata, no dinero, no riquezas, no una larga vida, no la muerte de tus enemigos, yo te concedo lo que me has pedido: "te doy un corazón sabio y prudente, como no lo ha habido antes ni lo habrá después de ti, te concedo, además, lo que no me has pedido, tanta gloria y riqueza, que no habrá rey que se pueda comparar contigo". El Rey Salomón sólo pidió sabiduría ¿por qué Dios le concedió además la prudencia? La sabiduría se trata sólo del "saber", obtener un conocimiento, es un ejercicio del intelecto racional, es algo filosófico; en cambio, la prudencia es la madre de todas las virtudes, superior a la Filosofía, la prudencia tiene que ver con el "hacer", es decir, a un gobernante no sólo le basta tener el conocimiento de que algo es malo, sino que NO lo debe hacer. Si un gobernante sabe que algo es malo y lo hace, NO gobierna según el criterio de Dios; si un gobernante sabe que algo es malo y NO lo hace, sí gobierna según el criterio de Dios.

El Rey David enseñó la fe a su hijo Salomón y sólo la fe nos enseña a pedir a Dios verdaderamente lo que cada uno de nosotros necesita. Dios está vivo y es providente y providencial "Dios provee". Una persona de fe debe decir siempre: "Dios me provee". No sólo pienses en los políticos, pregúntate a ti mismo: "¿sé gobernar mi vida? ¿sé gobernar a mi familia? ¿Quién va a la Universidad para estudiar cómo gobernarme a mí mismo y cómo gobernar a mi familia? ¿le has pedido a Dios sabiduría y prudencia para gobernarte a ti mismo y a tu familia? ¿qué le has pedido a Dios? Inés de Viaud en su obra "¿Quién cuida de mí?" afirma: "cuántas veces en la vida me puse a preguntar: Señor ¿tendré mañana qué comer y qué vestir? Me preocupan tantas cuentas, exigencias que cumplir, tantos niños en la casa que dependen de mí, las escuelas, mi trabajo no es seguro, tengo tanto que cumplir, Señor, ¿Qué será de mí? El trabajo de mis manos, no llenan mi vivir, pero hay una familia que depende de mí, cada día al despertar ¿Qué hago Señor? Y Tú me respondías así: mira las flores del campo, no trabajan, ni tienen que hilar, te digo que ni siquiera ***el Rey Salomón con todo su lujo así vistió***, si yo visto los campos y alimento las aves ¿qué no haré por ti? ¿Quién cuida las aves del campo? No siembran, no cosechan, tú vales más que cualquier ave del mundo, dice el Señor, yo visto los campos y alimento las aves ¿Qué no haré por ti?". ¿Qué le pedirías a Dios hoy para gobernarte a ti mismo y para gobernar a tu familia?

Sinceramente,

Padre Padilla