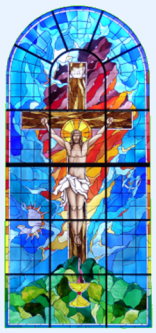

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Immaculate Conception

June 14, 2026 — **11th 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

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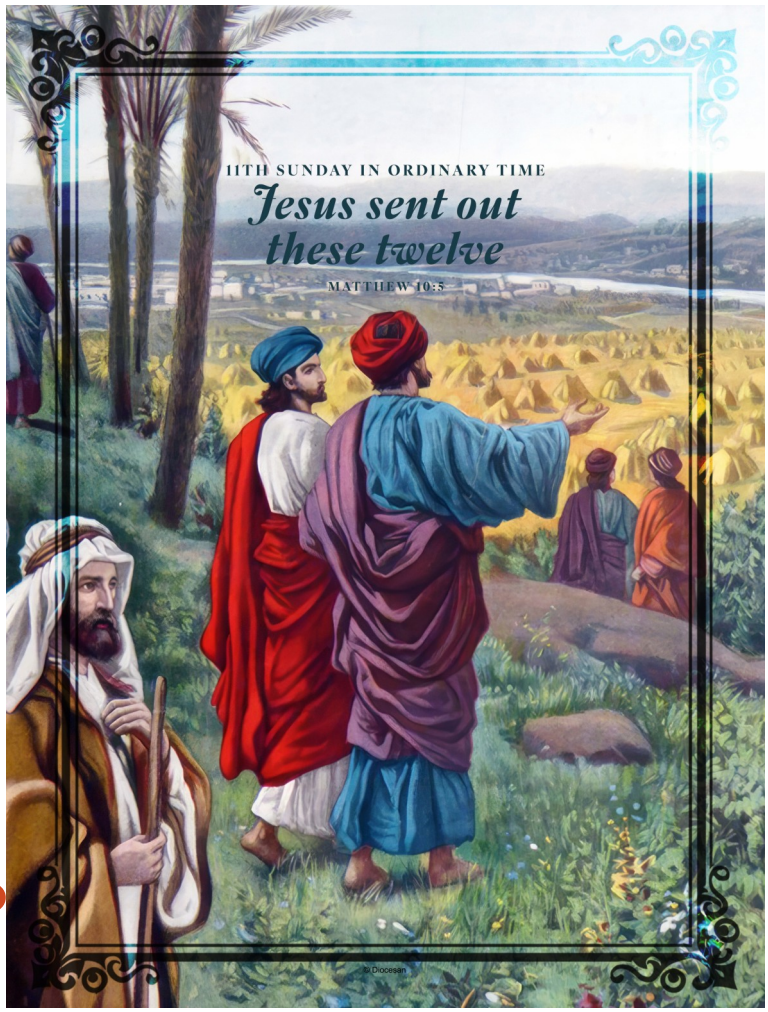
Parish Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-1 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

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

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

Counters 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.

Summer Hours

Both Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception will begin their Summer Hours on June 15 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.

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Weekly Offering (HC)

Ending May 31, 2026

Offertory Type	Received	Budgeted/ Needed	Difference
Regular	$31,200	$24,988	$6,212
YTD	$1,262,574	$1,255,060	$7,514
Needs	$1,252	$1,738	($486)

Weekly Offering (ICC)

Ending May 31, 2026

Offertory Type	Received
Regular	$3,783
Second	$266

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pastor's column

Dear Parishioners of Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception,

I am ready to serve in the role of Administrator for 3 ½ months supporting the clergy, staff and ministries of your two parishes. My primary role as Administrator is to ensure the proper running of the parish through communication and support. I am currently the pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Bear, DE where I am the only priest, so I have every daily Mass and 3 weekend Masses. I am confident that Frs.

Enemuo, Padilla and Hynes will be able to respond to the pastoral needs of the parish during this time. In addition to being pastor, I am also the Bishop's Vicar for our retired priests doing my best to offer them support and navigate transitions in their lives.

I have been ordained for almost 33 years and have been a pastor for 25 of them in 3 very different parishes (St Benedict/St. Elizabeth in Ridgely/Denton, St. Elizabeth in Wilmington and currently at Seton). As a Delaware native I know every little about the lived experience in Dover. It's never too late to explore. I celebrated daily Mass at Immaculate Conception during my years in Ridgely. Fr. Giamello served as the Associate Pastor at St. Elizabeth during my first 2 years there. He was deployed for a few months then as well. I trust that I have the experience to help Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception in this time of transition. I also know that there are good resources among the people of every parish. The clergy and staff can reach out to me at any time for support or direction.

Effective on the 24th of June, I will be on campus with staff in Dover on the 23rd and Marydel on the 25th. I will be present for Mass on Sunday, June 28 at 8:30am at ICC and at the end of the 9:30am Mass at Holy Cross.

Grateful for Fr. Lentini's years as your pastor!

Keep Fr. Giamello and our troops in your prayers!

Know that you remain in my prayers!

Fr. Norm Carroll

Dear Parishioners,

On May 30, I served as the host and quizmaster for the 23rd (and my final) Trivia Night. The event had some 80 players competing for over three hours at trivia questions hurtled at them from every category imaginable. There were 10 rounds, with 10 questions per round, plus two bonus video rounds. As always, it was a hoot. It raised over $2,000 for our parish's tuition assistance fund.

With that in mind, I thought I would drop some Catholic trivia on our parish faithful, to what they know about their Catholic faith, a little deep in the weeds. So put on your thinking caps, and see how you do!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Lentini

Pastor

1. What is the most populous Catholic nation in the world (i.e., what nation has the most Catholics)?

(A) Mexico, (B) Brazil, (C) The Philippines, (D) India

2. What do we call the Friday that follows the second Sunday after Pentecost?

(A) Sacred Heart of Jesus, (B) Immaculate Heart of Mary, (C) Corpus Christi, (D) Trinity Sunday

3. On June 30, the Church celebrates the Memorial of the First Martyrs of Rome. This feast used to be called the Feast of the Holy _____.

(A) Martyrs, (B) Relics, (C) Roman Faithful, (D) Romans

4. The last Sunday of the church year, we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. The formal name of this holy day is the Solemnity of...

(A) Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, (B) Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of Heaven and Earth, (C) Christ our King, (D) Jesus Christ, King of Kings

5. The first Sunday of Advent is always the Sunday that is closest to what holy day:

(A) St. Nicholas, (B) St. John the Apostle, (C) St. Andrew, (D) Immaculate Conception

6. The Church teaches that the Immaculate

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connections

HC & ICC Clergy

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F.	Pastor
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
Diane Belt	Assistant to the Pastor, ext. 113
Kenneth Trojan	Business Manager, ext. 119
Arline Dosman	Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. I18
Tammy Korosec	CRE Religious Ed, ext 122
Linda Darling	Youth Ministry, ext. 123
Justin Wurzel	Maintenance Director
Len Dornberger	Cemetery Administrator, ext. 135
Michael Perza	Dir. of Music Ministry, 302 698 9302

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Alicia Poppiti	DRE Religious Ed.
Susan Venezia	Bookkeeper
Arline Dosman	Dir. of Hispanic Ministry

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Catholic Education Pre-K3 to Grade 8
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Mallory O'Mara	Principal, ext. 111

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faith in action

June 21—12th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah is afraid of his persecutors, but at the same time, he is confident of God's protection of his hour of need.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Jesus rescues us from the threat of sin and death and instead, gives us life.

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

God watches over sparrows but has even more care of us.

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.

Thank you and Congratulations on Your Retirements

We extend best wishes and words of thanks to the following Holy Cross Employees who will be retiring from their positions in the Parish Office at the end of June/middle of July. They have been loyal and faithful employees for many, many years and their presence within the office and parish will be missed. We wish them each a well-deserved retirement and time of relaxation in the years ahead.

- **Ken Trojan, Business Manager**, has been with us since 1989. He has been responsible for all financial matters within Holy Cross parish. Ken's expertise has been invaluable to both parishes and our employees. Thanks to Ken for making sure we had the money where it had to be when we needed it, and he will be greatly missed.

- **Arline Dosman, Director of Hispanic Ministry**, has been with us since 2008. She worked with the Hispanic groups both at Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception, and the Arts and Environment committee at Holy Cross. She was always present to lend a helping hand whenever it was needed. She translated countless documents into Spanish for the parishes, and her talents will be tremendously missed.

- **Linda Darling, Director of Youth Ministry**, has been with us since 2014. She coordinated our Confirmation program and retreats to prepare our young people for this sacrament. Each year she interfaced with the Catholic Heart Camp organization and the teams working out of Holy Cross; she also took Holy Cross teens to other regions. Her dedication to Holy Cross' youth will be truly missed.

- **Diane Belt, Assistant to the Pastor**, has been with us since 1996. She assisted Fr. Thomas Hanley, Msgr. Daniel McGlynn, and lastly Fr. James Lentini. Under each Pastor, her job responsibilities expanded from being Assistant to basically being involved in all aspects of the parish. If you needed to know what was going on, she was the person to ask. She also handled the school's tuition payments and assisted with registration of new and returning families for the school. She wore many hats and could switch between them with ease. Her involvement will be greatly missed.

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.

Mass Intention
June

15 Monday
HC 8:00 am Lic Longhan

16 Tuesday
HC 8:00 am Elizabeth Winfrey

17 Wednesday
HC 8:15 am Folu Odusote

18 Thursday
HC 8:00 am Fr. Anthony Giamello and All our troops (LI)
ICC 6:00 pm For the People

19 Friday
HC 8:00 am Fr. Giamello (LI)

20 Saturday
HC 8:00 am Marian Hitch
HC 5:00 pm John Viola

21 Sunday
HC 7:30 am Gwendolyn Farly
ICC 8:30 am Gerry and Jerry Bevenour
HC 9:30 am Nancy Wilson Cook
ICC 11:00 am Wayne Poore
HC 11:30 am For the People
ICC 1:00 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 Madeline Chandra.

Did You Know?
Without priests, there are No Sacraments!
There is an international group of Catholics who pray daily for priests, and we have a chapter here at Holy Cross, dedicated for our own priests, based on 7 women making a Holy Hour before our Eucharistic High Priest, Jesus, for one priest, every day, very week, for a whole year….hence called **the 7 Sisters Apostolate.** We would love to have you join this effort! **Contact 7sistersapostolate2023@gmail.com** to learn more!

June 20/21, 2026

	EMHC		Servers
5:00 PM	P. Gerard C. Helwig	M. King M. Lewandowski	N. Klaus Z. Klaus
			Lectors
			H. Showell F. Urick
7:30 AM	S. Gede A. Wylie	A. Fischer J. Fischer	E. Costa M. Costa
			Lectors
			C. Cuffee
9:30 AM	K. Boyer S. Cordie	D. Martinez S. Ford	kW. Shuron M. Willoughby
			Lectors
			T. Baurys S. Crossen
11:30 AM	B. Guzman M. Rivera	C. Garcia	D. Aguilar Y. Aguilar
			Lectors
			N. Almengor A. Garcia

Immaculate Conception

8:30 AM	D. Smith		
			Lectors
			G. Godfrey
11:00 AM	L. Schlaupitz		
			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

"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the wellspring of grace. St. John Paul II, April 17, 2003

Open hours:
Sunday: 7-8am, 4-5pm, 5-6pm, 6-7pm, 7-8pm 8-9pm
Wednesday: 8-9pm **Thursday:** 8-9pm
Friday: 5-6pm
Saturday: 5-6am, 12-1pm, 1-2pm, 7-8pm 8-9pm

Please leave all candles lit, these candles will last 7 days. If candles are extinguished, they become difficult to light and break holders.
All Eucharistic ministers should use sanitizer (on rear table of the chapel) before holding the Host.
Please contact John Murphy to sign up at jkm2015@verizon.net or call 302-233-1779

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

Saint Mark's High School Class of 1976 50th Class Reunion

Save the date: Sept. 25, 6-10 p.m.: Saint Mark's High School Class of 1976 50th Class Reunion, Christiana Hilton. Saint Mark's is also hosting a Welcome Home Celebration and tour of SMH for Class of 1976 Alumni on Thursday, Sept. 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
The reunion committee would like to connect with alumni. Contact Patty Curtin White at: patriciacurn@comcast.net
or PCurtin@christianacare.org Or Terri Larson Seeman Glennsman@comcast.net (302)893-3479.

- **Graduandos:** Felicitaciones a todos nuestros jóvenes que se graduaron este año, que el Señor los bendiga en todo lo que hagan y que cada deseo y sueños se conviertan en realidad. Dios está trabajando en cada uno de ustedes y por medio de ustedes, brillen siempre con la luz de Cristo. Felicidades!
- **Gracias:** Nuestro más sinceros agradecimiento a todos los que ayudaron para la celebración de la solemnidad de Corpus Christi, especialmente a la Junta Directiva, AL grupo de Arte y Ambientación, a los servidores del Altar y a todos en general.
- **Retiro de Sanación Interior:** Conquistando las Naciones para Cristo tiene su retiro para hombres y mujeres mayores de 18 años. Aquí en Holy Cross del 26 de junio al 28 de junio. Donatico $125. Inscripciones es el viernes 26 de 6-8 pm. Por favor lleve artículos personales y cobijas. Para más información llame al 302-415-5036 302-422-5887 o 443-298-9040
- **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.
- **Educación Religiosa y La Escuela Bíblica de Verano VBS**: Escuela Bíblica de Verano el Programa de Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones 2026 de Holy Cross"¡Aventura en el Desierto a Través de los Sacramentos!" Este programa está diseñado para ayudar a los niños a descubrir la vida y las enseñanzas de Cristo y acercarse más a Él a través de los Sacramentos. ¡Los niños se divertirán aprendiendo un sacramento diferente cada día!. El programa se llevará a cabo del 6 al 10 de julio, de 8:45 a. m. a 12:30 p. m. (nuevo horario).Los niños de Pre-K4 a 4.º grado estarán en el Centro de Aprendizaje Temprano, y los "Santos en Entrenamiento" de 5.º y 6.º grado estarán en las salas Mateo/Marcos y Lucas de la Oficina Parroquial (2.º piso del edificio del ELC).Ya pronto van a estar abiertas las inscripciones.es muy importante que su hijo (a) asista a las clases de Educación Religiosa. La Oficina de Educación Religiosa se encuentra en el segundo piso del ELC. El horario habitual de oficina es de lunes a jueves, de 8:30 a. m. a 3:30 p. m.Cupo es limitado.
- 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 7sistersapostolate2023@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 ext. 118.

PARROQUIA DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCION- MARYDEL

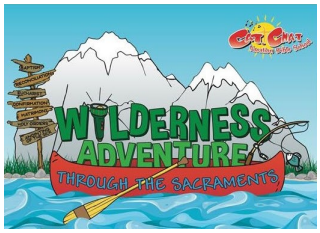
- **Inscripciones para la Escuela Dominical:** Ya se están recibiendo inscripciones para el próximo año. Por favor, inscriban a sus hijos ahora para asegurar su lugar en una clase aquí en la Inmaculada Concepción. Se necesitan catequistas para el año escolar 2026-2027. Si desean colaborar con la Educación Religiosa o con la Escuela Bíblica de Verano, por favor comuníquense con Alicia Poppiti al 410-482-8939 o a dre@iccmarydel.org
- Ofrecemos clases desde septiembre hasta mayo. Se proporcionará capacitación y formación. Por favor, disciernan 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.
- **Voluntarios:** Se necesitan catequistas, asistentes y auxiliares para el año escolar 2026-2027. Se requieren para el nivel de Jardín de Infantes (Kindergarten), 5.º grado y asistentes para varios grados. Impartimos clases de septiembre a mayo. Se ofrece capacitación y formación. Por favor, disciernan si esta es su manera de retribuir a la comunidad de la Iglesia. Si tienen alguna pregunta, no duden en comunicarse 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:

Registration open for the 2026-27 Vacation Bible School!



Click the QR Code for Registration information:

If you have any questions please contact Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

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.

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 planning meeting was had and a training date will be set up. Let us know if you are interested in helping out. Let Meg or Ms. Alicia know if you are interested in helping out this year.

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.

Catechists, assistants, and aids are needed for the 2026-2027 school year. Kindergarten, Grade 5 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

Religious Education- In 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 Catechist needed.

Adult Education Opportunities

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

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

In Spanish:

Fray Sergio Serrano https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-espanol-registration

As we close the chapter on the 2025-2026 school year, our hearts are filled with gratitude, pride, and reflection. This final week was filled with beautiful moments that reminded us of the many blessings God has bestowed upon our Holy Cross community throughout the year.

On Monday, we gathered in the church for our Kindergarten Prayer Service and Moving Up Ceremony. It was a joyful celebration as our youngest Crusaders shared songs, prayers, and reflections from their year. One of the most memorable moments was hearing each student share what they hope to be when they grow up. Their dreams, enthusiasm, and innocence served as a wonderful reminder of the bright futures that lie ahead. We extend our sincere thanks to Mrs. Holzinger, Mrs. Arndt, and Ms. Krastel for the love, care, and dedication they pour into our youngest learners each day.

Monday also brought the excitement of our annual Third Grade Market Day. Throughout the year, students worked diligently to develop products, create business plans, and prepare for this special event. Families, friends, and members of our community enjoyed visiting student shops featuring everything from baked goods and crafts to jewelry and Crusader themed items. Market Day is a meaningful learning experience that teaches responsibility, planning, budgeting, creativity, and entrepreneurship. We are especially grateful to Mrs. Dottellis for organizing this outstanding tradition and providing such a memorable opportunity for our students. Wednesday marked the final day of school for our students. We gathered together as one school family for Mass, end of year recognitions, and announcements. During Mass, we celebrated our final trimester Committed Crusaders, students who consistently model the values and mission of Holy Cross through their words, actions, and leadership.

We also had the opportunity to recognize several beloved members of our community. We wished Mrs. Gambone and her family well as they prepare for their next chapter. Through her years of leadership with our Home and School Association, she helped create countless memories, traditions, and opportunities for our students and families. While saying goodbye is never easy, we hope she knows that Holy Cross will always be home. We also celebrated Mrs. Ritzke as she prepares to welcome a baby boy this July. We continue to keep her family in our prayers and eagerly await the day we can welcome both mother and son back to campus. In addition, we honored Mrs. Wicks for more than a decade of faithful service to Holy Cross. Her kindness, dedication, and commitment to her students have touched countless lives, and we are deeply grateful for all she has given to our school community.

Perhaps the most emotional moment of the day was recognizing Father Lentini as he celebrated his final school Mass before beginning his new assignment. Father Lentini's impact on Holy Cross cannot be measured simply by years of service. He has been a constant presence in the life of our parish and school, guiding generations of students, families, and staff in faith. From his early days serving as our librarian to his leadership as pastor, Father Lentini has helped shape the heart and identity of Holy Cross. Whether sharing his love of baseball, challenging us with trivia, bringing laughter through his wit, or most importantly helping us grow closer to Christ, he has left an enduring mark on our community. We are profoundly grateful for the love, wisdom, and faith he has shared with us over the years. While we will miss him dearly, we know he carries the prayers and gratitude of an entire school community with him. Father Lentini, thank you for everything. You will always have a special place in the hearts of the Holy Cross family.

As students departed for summer break, smiles filled the car line and excitement filled the air. On Friday, our teachers completed the final tasks of closing classrooms, preparing report cards, and wrapping up another successful year. We are incredibly blessed by our dedicated faculty and staff and grateful for the commitment they show to our students each and every day.

Thank you to our students, families, parishioners, volunteers, and supporters for another wonderful year. May God bless each of you with a safe, restful, and joy filled summer. We look forward to welcoming you back in the fall as we begin another exciting year together at Holy Cross.

God Bless,

Mallory O'Mara

Conception describes:

(A) The conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary, (B) the conception of Mary in the womb of St. Ann, (C) The conception of John the Baptist in the womb of St. Elizabeth, (D) Both A and B

7. Pope John Paul I, elected in 1978, had one of the shortest Papal reigns in the modern era. How long did he serve as Pope before his death?

(A) 62 days; (B) 25 days; (C) 50 days, (D) 33 days

8. Pope Leo XIV, our current Pope, was born in what U.S. city?

(A) Milwaukee, (B) Chicago, (C) Detroit, (D) Indianapolis

9. The Second Vatican Council (i.e., Vatican II) was held during what years?

(A) 1961-1964, (B) 1964-1968, (C) 1962-1965, (D) 1963-1964

10. Our Bishop, William Koenig, was ordained a Bishop here in the Diocese of Wilmington. In what Diocese was he ordained a priest?

(A) Brooklyn, (B) Ogdensburg, (C) New York, (D) Rockville Centre

11. On January 25, the Church celebrates the Conversion of St. Paul -- that is, his conversion to Christianity. That conversion happened to him while traveling to what city?

(A) Jerusalem, (B) Nazareth, (C) Damascus, (D) Niniveh

12. The last Saint day on the liturgical calendar for the civil year (i.e., January-December calendar) occurs on December 31. What saint may be honored that day at Mass?

(A) St. John of Canty, (B) St. Sylvester, (C) St. Thomas Becket, (D) St. Demetrius the Myrrh Streamer

13. St. Peter's Basilica in Rome is built over the grave of what Saint?

(A) St. Peter, (B) St. Paul, (C) St. Frances of Rome, (D) St. Longinus

14. The largest Catholic Church in the world (in terms of overall size, including exterior area, not just occupancy) is which?

(A) Basilica of Our Lady of Peace (Ivory Coast), (B) St. Peter's Basilica (Rome/Vatican City), (C) Basilica of Our Lady of Lichen (Poland), (D) Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (USA/Washington D.C)

15. How many Dioceses (and Archdioceses) does the Roman Catholic Church have in the 50 states of the United States (this excludes the Eastern Rite Dioceses and non-territorial dioceses)?

(A) 48, (B) 92, (C) 176, (D) 204

16. The official language of the Roman Catholic Church is what?

(A) Greek, (B) Latin, (C) Aramaic, (D) There is no official language

17. Which of these holy days is not based around the date of Easter?

(A) Ash Wednesday, (B) Divine Mercy Sunday, (C) The Annunciation, (D) Pentecost

18. The Christmas season ends with the observance of what holy day?

(A) The Baptism of the Lord, (B) Epiphany, (C) Mary, Mother of God, (D) Holy Family Sunday

19. The most populous diocese in the United States, which is not an archdiocese, is what?

(A) Brooklyn, (B) Phoenix, (C) Cleveland, (D) Rockville Centre

20. After Christmas and Easter, what day has the highest Mass attendance in the United States?

(A) Ash Wednesday, (B) Mother's Day, (C) Palm Sunday, (D) Memorial Day

Answers: *1. B - Brazil; 2. A - Sacred Heart of Jesus; 3. B - Relics; 4. A - Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe; 5. C - St. Andrew; 6. B - the conception of Mary in the womb of St. Ann; 7. D - 33 days; 8. B - Chicago; 9. C - 1962-1965; 10. D - Rockville Centre; 11. C- Damascus; 12. B - St. Sylvester; 13. A - St. Peter; 14. A - Basilica of Our Lady of Peace (Ivory Coast); 15. C - 176; 16. B - Latin; 17. C - The Annunciation; 18. A - The Baptism of the Lord; 19. B - Phoenix (2.1 million Catholics); 20. A - Ash Wednesday*