



CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

June 20, 2021

12th 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
No choirs at the Masses at the present time; a cantor will be available for the 5 pm and the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 am
During Lent, Monday and Friday, 12:10 pm
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am-Midnight (temporarily closed)

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, 6 pm, Spanish
Saturday, 9 am, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, after 9:00 am Mass
Thursday, 6:30 pm

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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

MT 4:37-38



HOLY DAY SCHEDULE (HC AND ICC)

Mary, Mother of God, January 1
Assumption, August 15
All Saints' Day, November 1
Immaculate Conception, December 8
Christmas, December 25

Mass schedules for Holy Days of Obligation and other special days will be printed in the bulletin as each one draws near

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

The seven Sacraments of the Church were instituted by Christ to confer grace.

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the office to register for Parent Pre-Baptismal Instruction. For adults seeking to enter the Church and be Baptized, contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for Confession at age seven as part of First Communion preparation.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for First Communion at age seven. Adults seeking First Communion should contact our Religious Education Office. To request a visitation for Holy Communion to the Sick, contact our parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Young people in our parish are prepared for reception of Confirmation in the ninth grade (age 14). Adults seeking Confirmation should contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Marriage. Couples planning for Marriage are to contact a parish priest or deacon one year in advance to set the wedding date and plan for pre-Cana instruction.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

Anointing of the Sick. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which is administered by a Priest, a person or an immediate family member must make the request. Late night requests may not be able to be answered until the next day.

THIS WEEK (HC OR ICC)

Check out our websites

holycrossover.org
iccmarylodel.org

Holy Cross Church will be open from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday, and 7 am to 7 pm on Sunday.

Immaculate Conception will be open daily 9 am to 7 pm.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, parishes must continue to adhere to all health and safety regulations. All pews are now open but we ask you to socially distance yourselves. Use of the hand sanitizer is still requested.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Masses on holy days remains suspended at this time.

Face masks do not have to be worn if you are fully vaccinated. If not, it is recommended that you still wear your face-mask over your nose and mouth. Thank you for your cooperation.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

June 6, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$24,513	\$27,600	(\$3,087)
YTD	\$1,212,448	\$1,362,200	(\$149,752)
Needs	\$1,331	\$1,550	(\$219)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending June 6, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$2,882
2nd	\$195

Please continue to mail in your contributions during this time. Many are still not attending Mass but we still need your support. You can also Sign up for Faith Direct or call the office to leave your name and phone number if you wish to make your contribution by a credit card.

Dear Parishioners,

A number of years back there was a TV series on CBS called “Magnum P.I.” It was a huge hit – it featured a rough and tumble detective (Magnum) living in luxury in Hawaii and his refined friendly-nemesis, Higgins. Guys watched this show because it was full of action, car chases and gunplay. He drove the incredibly cool Ferrari 308 GTS! Now, women also watched the show in droves, very much so because it starred actor Tom Selleck. The show had many successful years, but at the end of season seven it looked like the end was near; ratings started to sag, and it looked like the show might be in danger of cancellation.

Realizing this, the show’s writer planned for a proper and fitting finale – he gave Magnum his TV Land last rites: a final episode script in which Magnum is killed. That episode was produced – and aired. But then CBS thought better of canceling this show; it announced that there would be an eighth season. The writers had to do some fancy footwork to un-kill Magnum. Then at the end of the eighth season, just as was the case previously, the end looked near... and once again, the writer began to write a final episode. This time they were correct; the final episode aired and then the show passed-on into the afterlife of reruns.

In this column, I want to tackle the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick – a sacrament that is most commonly ministered when the danger of a potentially life-threatening illness is at hand. Much like the writers of Magnum, P.I. preparing for that end-of-the-series finale, the ministering of this Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is commended to be done at the onset of the serious illness but can be ministered at any moment right up to the end of life. I write this column now, because, due to the Priest shortage, here and everywhere in our region, you cannot always get a Priest for Anointing of the Sick. Here at Holy Cross/ICC, we have limited times for this to daytime hours (we cannot staff 24/7 ministry of this sacrament as noted in last week’s column, as we have gone from four priests down to two in two years, and right now, it’s just me as Fr. Mano is in India).

What is Anointing of the Sick? The Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament; thus, it was instituted by Christ to confer grace. The Sacrament finds a person who is sick or in advanced old age being anointed with the Oil of the Sick (Oleo Infirmis) on the head and the hands, by a Priest. In that anointing, the grace of the sacrament yields a

type of healing and the forgiveness of sins. The Sacrament was instituted by Christ and made known most clearly by his Apostle James, who wrote: “Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters [priests] of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.” (James 5:14-15). From this Scriptural basis we take our fundamental understanding of this precious Sacrament: It is to be ministered by a Priest who prays over the sick person and anoints him with oil. The person of faith will have their sins forgiven and have the hope of salvation.

Extreme (Unction) History. So, now that we identified the Sacrament in a general sense, let’s step into the Way-back Machine and get a little background on this sacrament: The Anointing of the Sick for the better part of 1,500 years was referred to as Extreme Unction (from the Latin, meaning “final anointing”). Until recent times, this Sacrament was reserved to be ministered not to just any sick persons, but more specifically to the dying (those in extremis – in final moments). When a person was on his deathbed, the family would send for the Priest to administer this Sacrament. The general understanding of the Sacrament was that it provided healing for eternity, preparation for the Beatific Vision (the sight of God) and forgave sins. Because this Sacrament was reserved for a person near the end of life, it was commonly called, in the vernacular, “The Last Rites.” In the ministration of the Sacrament, in the old rite, the person’s head, hands, feet, eyes, nostrils, lips and ears were all anointed; in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church that is still the case.

The Name Game. In the years following the Second Vatican Council, a renewal of the liturgical life of Church came to the fore. All of the Sacraments and their respective Rites were reviewed. In the case of “Extreme Unction” many changes were made in the ministration of the Sacrament, but most visibly, a change in nomenclature was set in place to re-focus the purpose and understanding of the Sacrament. Thus, while “Extreme Unction” is still an acceptable name for this Sacrament, “Anointing of the Sick” became the proper name. Same sacrament, new name, sharpened focus.

Only at The End? The focus of the Sacrament was widened from anointing a dying person (in

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HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F.	Pastor
Msgr. Daniel McGlynn	Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Mano Salla	Parochial Vicar

HC CLERGY

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

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell	Deacon
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ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

We are making plans to reopen the Adoration Chapel in July. In order to do this, we have to ensure we have enough volunteers to fill the schedule of adorers so the Blessed Sacrament is not left alone.

- If you were on the Adoration schedule prior to COVID and the closing of the chapel, we certainly pray you are willing to come back and spend that precious time with Our Lord again in the chapel. Please contact Joann Pate at 674-4496 or call the Parish Office at 674-5787 to let us know you are ready and willing to come back to serve a specific time in the chapel.
- Someone will also be in the Gathering Space the weekend of June 19/20 to take sign ups for those returning and for anyone new who would like to spend time in the chapel. We need many new volunteers to step forward so we can keep the chapel open each day. Thank you for considering this great opportunity to spend time with Jesus!!!

CHRISTMAS ON THE DANUBE

Join Fr. Ronald Giannone from the Ministry of Caring on a trip to the Danube from December 9 through 17, 2021. For more information, contact Debbe Philips at 302-652-5523 or dphilips@ministryofcaring.org.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, June 26th, learn about the Catholics who were instrumental in the founding of our country, when Dan LeRoy, author of the new book, "Liberty's Lions: The Catholic Revolutionaries Who Established America," is the special guest. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640, or listen online anytime at www.cdown.org/CatholicForum.

READINGS FOR JUNE 27

13TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: WISDOM 1:13-15; 2:23-24

God's love is overflowing and so God created an abundance of life. Death came into the world, not through God, but through the devil's hand.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 8:7, 9, 13-15

The community of Christians has enjoyed the generosity of Jesus and they should reflect this in the mercy they show others. But in helping others, they should not ignore their own needs.

GOSPEL: MARK 5:21-43

During his ministry, Jesus is surrounded by people all the time. But he turns to those in greatest need. His miracles are signs of God's mercy available to us all.

JOYFUL NEWS!

Bishop Malooly, has lifted the dispensation, thereby reinstating the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation for Catholics in the Diocese of Wilmington, effective June 26, 2021. The dispensation that went into effect on March 13, 2020, was put in place to help limit the spread of coronavirus, and allow the Diocese of Wilmington to conform to guidelines and regulations adopted by the States of Delaware and Maryland.

Our bishop decided to lift the dispensation because the average number of new cases of COVID-19 continues to decline due to the observance of safety protocols and the increased availability of the vaccine. The obligation does not apply to those who are ill, have been exposed to the virus, or have any serious underlying health conditions.

We welcome and encourage the Faithful to return to full in-person participation of the Sunday Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Let us continue to be united in prayer for one another and for an end to the global pandemic. More information is available at www.cdow.org/coronavirus.

RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Ret-ro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 13 - 15, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

VOCATIONS

The seeds of vocations are sown in the family. Through the loving support of parents who nurture the love of God in their children, young people see that serving God is an important and satisfying lifestyle.

So that you parents can encourage your children to listen to God's call in their lives, the following might be one of your prayers at home.

*Lord, we thank you for our children.
You are Father and Mother to us;*

MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE

21 MONDAY
HC 8:00 am Father's Day Novena

22 TUESDAY
HC 8:00 am Father's Day Novena

23 WEDNESDAY
HC 8:00 am Father's Day Novena

24 THURSDAY
HC 8:00 am Father's Day Novena
ICC 6 pm For the People

25 FRIDAY
HC 8:00 am Father's Day Novena

26 SATURDAY
HC 8 am Father's Day Novena
HC 5 pm Matthew Kropiewnicki Cr.

27 SUNDAY
HC 7:30 am Father's Day Novena
ICC 8:30 am Donald Kemple
HC 9:30 am Richard Engle
ICC 11 am Regina "Jeanie" Sauber
HC 11:30 am Freddy Arce
ICC 1 pm For the People

(LI = LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

*Help us to be good parents.
Make our home a place of life and love,
Where strangers are welcome and sins
are forgiven.
Make us a family, Lord.
Whatever you may call our children to be,
Give us the grace to say "yes" and let go
of their lives.
May our family's love extend beyond
our table and be a blessing for the whole
world.
Help us to have a part in making your
kingdom come. Amen.*

God has the key to your life. Ask Him to show you how to be the best parents.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Condolences to the families of our recently deceased members:

Robert "Bob" A. Carson, Jr.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

MASS MINISTERS

A SCHEDULE FOR EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS WILL NOT BE PUT OUT AT THIS TIME. PLEASE STEP FORWARD TO ASSIST AT THE MASS YOU ATTEND.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER TO LET OTHERS HAVE A CHANCE TO COME FORWARD SO THEY, TOO, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST AT MASS. WE HAVE MANY WHO WANT TO ASSIST BUT NEVER GET THE CHANCE TO STEP FORWARD.

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Lector Schedule for June 2021

At Holy Cross:

5 pm Mass

June 12 K. Bassett
June 19 J. Coffield
June 26 F. Urick

7:30 am Mass

June 13 C. Cuffee
June 20 R. Pritchett
June 27 J. Davis

9:30 am Mass

June 13 S. Crossen
June 20 S. Ford
June 27 C. Parks

At Immaculate Conception

8:30 am Mass

June 13 T. Thompson
June 20 K. Cairns
June 27 B. Thompson

11 am Mass

June 13 D. King
June 20 L. Schlaupitz
June 27 A. Meyer

If you wish to be considered to lector at Holy Cross, email Diane at belt@holycrossdover.org so we can add you to the names of those who have already volunteered to lector.

At ICC, please get in touch with Marilyn Dixon at mdixon@iccmaryladel.org Thank you.

DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories are in the Parish Office. If you have not picked up your copy yet, please stop by the office to get your copy. It is best to please call ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it ready for you to pick up.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Marriage works best when both are adept at leading and following as circumstances and talents dictate. How do you balance this in your marriage?

PARENTING POINTERS

What qualities do you think make an ideal father? Did you learn any of these from your own father? Tell him in person or prayer. Identify one quality that you especially want to pass on to your own child. Take a step to do it today.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

Pre-need planning. Still trying to decide on what to do with this year's income tax refunds or your COVID stimulus funds? During our lifetime we spend a lot of time planning and preparing for future events, such as weddings, vacations, college for the kids, retirement, etc. It's easy to put off planning for the day when the Lord will call you home. Planning for the inevitable and securing space in our cemetery is a wonderful gift for the whole family. When that day does come, with all its emotional trauma, sparing your spouse and children those difficult decisions is a blessing. Contact Len Dornberger at the parish office for a no obligation discussion.

FAITH DIRECT

This time last year the world was turned upside down due to COVID-19, but our parish ministries continued because so many people needed our help. Recuring gifts helped sustain our parish in unprecedented times, and continue to be a vital source of support for ministries that are a lifeline to those in need in our community.

Life is returning to normal, but so many continue to depend on Church of the Holy Cross. The more people use eGiving, the stronger foundation we will have for ministries that bring hope in times of uncertainty.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/DE251.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

Hoy celebremos el Día del Padre, y queremos extender nuestras sinceras felicitaciones a todos los padres y pedir a todos que oren por ellos vivos y difuntos para que el Señor los bendiga y que San José sea su modelo de fe. Feliz día del Padre a todos los papas.

La virgen peregrina ya está visitando casas, si usted desea tener la virgen en su casa por una semana y rezar el santo Rosario con su familia con la imagen de la virgen peregrina anótese con la Sra. Marta Espinosa.

Se le entregara a imagen el domingo al final de la misa y usted la devuelve el próximo domingo en la misa para e entregara la siguiente familia.

Las aplicaciones para las clases de Educación Religiosa para el 2021-2022 deberán ser entregadas antes del 15 de julio. Los jóvenes adolescentes que no están confirmados y están en la escuela secundaria las aplicaciones se encuentra en la página cibernética de la parroquia o vaya a la oficina de Educación Religiosa y llene una aplicación.

Recomendaciones a los padres de familia para ayudar a su pequeño a tranquilizarse y a involucrarse en la misa. Primero la comunicación y la enseñanza: prepare y háblele a su hijo del lugar sagrado y de Jesús antes de ir a la santa misa y como cada niño se debe comportar y las expectativas que usted tiene como padres del comportamiento de su hijo.. Cuando llegue para la misa ocupe los asientos más cercanos al altar los pequeños se sienten más involucrados con la celebración si pueden apreciar lo que realmente está sucediendo. Si se inquieta o llora sáquelo al Nártex hasta que se tranquilice; darles una labor en las Misas puede crear en los pequeños una “sentido de responsabilidad y logro”, simples como “poner el dinero en la canasta de la colecta”. Ayudar al sostenimiento de su iglesia, Explíquele que las veladoras que están en el Nártex

no son para jugar son ofrecimientos por una intención de una persona y se deja un donativo por cada vela que se enciende. Nunca deje ir al baño o salir solo a sus hijos, es por su protección.

ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

** Están abiertas las inscripciones para el próximo año, 2021-2022. Por favor devuelva las aplicaciones antes del 1 de julio, 2021. Tenemos que ordenar libros de antemano para poder empezar el programa de Educación Religiosa y tomar decisiones de ubicación para el año escolar. ** Una mesa se pondrá para inscripciones en frente del salón después de las misas.

Se están recopilando evaluaciones para las 4 unidades. Por favor, llévelos a la Sra. Alicia Poppiti para obtener su crédito para este año, Directora de Educación Religiosa al 410-482-8939 o dre@icmarydel.org

¡TE NECESITAMOS! NECESITAMOS CATEQUISTAS PARA EL PROXIMO AÑO. Si está pensando esto pue ser su llamado. Comuníquese con la Sra. Alicia Poppiti, Directora de Educación Religiosa al 410-482-8939 o dre@icmarydel.org

La Escuela Bíblica de Verano empieza el 2 de agosto hasta el 6 de agosto 2021 de 6-8:30pm

Inscribese antes del 18 de julio. Grados: Pre-K -Sexto grado

¡Se necesitan voluntarios! -Caballeros al Norte del Castillo, guía para el Castillo, Persona para las actividades, persona para las manualidades, persona para la Ciencia, Líder para el canto.

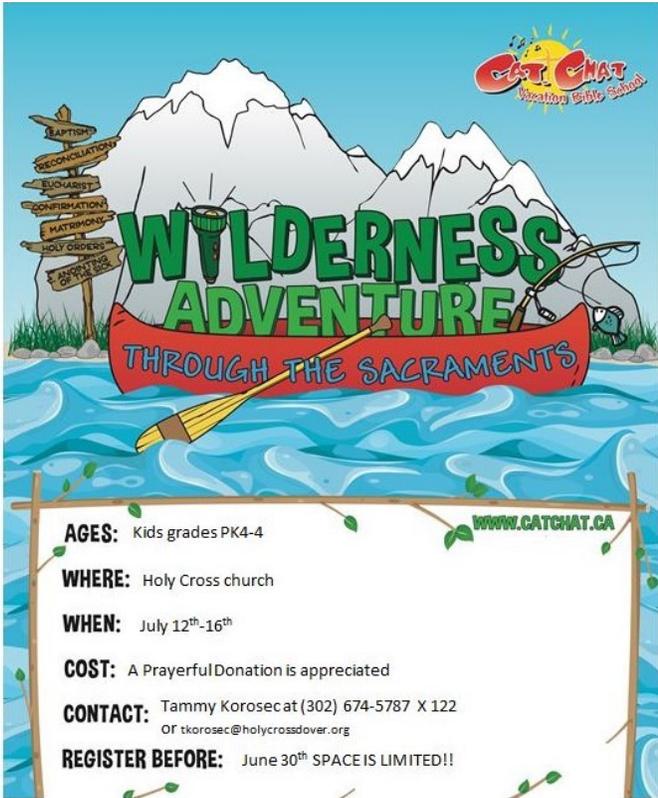
La próxima reunión será el domingo, 6 de unió a las 9:30 en el salón después de la Santa Misa. Si esta interesado llame a la Sra. Alicia Poppiti al 410-482-8939

REGISTRATION FOR 2021/22 REL ED (HC)

2021-2022 Religious Education Class registration forms now available on line at <https://holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation>.

Registration for Religious Education is due July 16, 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! (HC)

Adult and Teen volunteers needed for the "Wilderness Adventure through the Sacraments" Vacation Bible School program. Anyone 18 or older must have a criminal background check completed. If interested please email Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossover.org or call (302)674-5787 X 122.

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION (HC)

Forms to register for Confirmation 2022 Preparation for all high school students not confirmed may be found on the parish website under Teaching the Faith, Sacramental Preparation, Confirmation. to help at the parish and is a huge asset to us.

Please register for Confirmation by July 15, so we can make plans and order the correct amount of materials. Thank you.

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP

Catholic Heart Work Camp brings 200 teens and adults to our community next weekend.

Please pray for the team, the residents we will be helping, and the teens who are traveling to Dover - for their health and safety.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

***Registration for next year, 2021-2022 has begun. Registrations are due by July 10, 2021. Please get them in by this date. We need to plan for teachers, space and books. A table will be set up after Masses in front of the hall for registration, online and at office.

Assessments are being collected: All student assessments that are in their unit packs, for all 4 units, are due to Mrs. Alicia Poppiti when unit is finished. Please hand in for credit for this year. Alicia Poppiti, Director of Religious Education at 410-482-8939 or dre@iccmaryladel.org

WE NEED YOU (ICC)

Catechists needed for next year! Please inquire with Mrs. Poppiti as soon as possible. If you are wondering, then this may be your calling.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Helpers needed! Knights of the North Castle are in need of: Castle Guides, Activities person, crafts person, science person, song leader.

If interested, please contact Mrs. Poppiti 410-482-8939

Vacation Bible school will run

August 2 - August 6, 2021

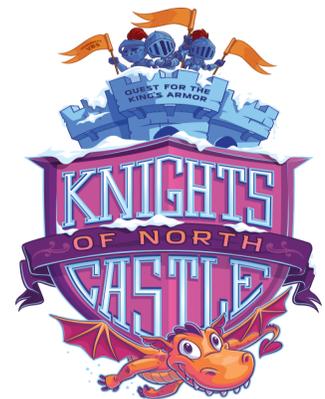
6-8:30 pm at ICC Hall in Marydel.

Ages: PreK 4 – 6th

Register before July 18th.

SVDP MEETING (ICC)

St. Vincent de Paul will be having a meeting on Monday, July 5, 2021 at 6 pm in the church office building.



I recall the story: As young Max turned into the entrance drive on the last day of school a few years ago he said to his mother, "Mrs. Pollitt is going to cry today, she always cries on the last day of school."

Well, it was sort of the last day, we had our school Mass and we bid our wonderful Mrs. Stant well as she enters her new life in retirement. It was the start of a busy day, and I was going to be doing a bit of traveling.....

The morning was full of activity. For our Kindergartners, this was their much anticipated last day of school, the day of their graduation prayer service. It was a lovely event; their parents were so proud of their accomplishments through the year when so much growth of all kinds was accomplished. Our rising first graders are much taller than in the fall, they have made new friends along the way, they have learned new prayers, and they have become fluent readers.

Taking their place on the risers, they sang songs, they said prayers, and they recited our school mission statement with all the pride and dignity they could muster. As if that wasn't enough, their lively rendering of *I'm Proud To Be An American* pretty much did it for me. It was such a nice way for the little Crusaders to "kiss Kindergarten good-bye... and announce to all gathered: **First Grade Here I Come!!!**

Our Student Council had prepared the school Mass on the Feast of the Sacred Heart. The officers newly elected, and sitting were going to participate in the traditional passing of the tie after Mass had concluded. The Student Council officers wear a red tie instead of their uniform tie to designate their office and symbolize the qualities of leadership, character and integrity. After the red ties are passed on to the newly elected officer the oath of office is taken. It's very ceremonial and a nice Holy Cross School tradition.

Congratulations to Chance G., President; Alana M. Vice President; Dana S., Secretary; Alex C., Treasurer, Isabella S. Historian; and Macie E. Liaison Officer

After an enjoyable slice of pizza (the last out of Mrs. Stant's kitchen...) was had for lunch before embarking upon my afternoon of trip-taking. It was Camp Christiansen or BUST!!

I was invited to camp out at Camp Christiansen with the second graders because once again they had fulfilled the requirement for earning all the letters in the word COMPLIMENT. (cross reference another installment of the bulletin entry) I was very much looking forward to the innovative way Miss Christiansen had converted her classroom into a campground....and she did! Try to get the vision; each desk arranged around the campfire; each made to look like a tent. How do you make a tent out of a desk? Good question! It's so simple--- place a new roll of paper towels atop the desk and throw a table cloth over top and voila! You have yourself a cozy little tent. Each tent was designated by the student's name, so there was Camp Sydney, Camp Quinn, Camp Vince, and so on. I don't particularly care for graham crackers, so I had never eaten a s'more before. I was a little unprepared for the shockwave from the students when that particular fact was made known as we roasted the marshmallows. (no, not over the campfire) I quite surprised when I bit into mine; the yummy marshmallow-chocolate combination made the graham cracker quite palatable. I couldn't hang around the campground for scary ghost stories or a sing-a-long because I had some shopping still left on my agenda.

It was like walking into one of those European open-air markets. Each student desk was laden with goods ready for sale. It was Market Day in third grade, the culminating activity of the year! Several weeks ago the students embarked upon a venture in high finance. (cross-reference a previous installment re: Market Day.....)

As soon as I had both feet in the door I was handed a fistful of "dollar bills" that I was to use for my shopping.

Ambling through the rows of stalls, I found such items as handmade jewelry, handy picture frames, comforting stress balls, colorful bookmarks, then there's always the inevitable and seemingly irresistible homemade slime. The colorful suncatchers were fun, turtles, frogs, and mermaids! I learned about a new item never seen before; kinetic sand. Enzo gave a me detailed explanation on how it's made and what happens when one pours it out of the container. Quite interesting. All of the items were made by the students with a little support from mom and dad.

Realizing that we were on the foot-heels of dismissal, I left with all my purchases. Fortunately for me, I was able to secure a loan from one of the vendors who had pity on my poor soul after I had spent all of my money. It was fun and the items made for sale were creative and well worth the asking price.

The day would be rounded out with the promotion Mass for our eighth graders scheduled for later in the evening. As has always been, it was a dignified and reverent tribute to one of the finest group of eighth graders we have promoted in a long time. On behalf of our faculty and staff, we wish them Godspeed.

And now, our Crusaders are enjoying the first days of their well-deserved summer vacation. Best wishes to all for a joyous time filled with fun and family time. May I suggest a little camping, or perhaps a little shopping??

extremis) to anointing a sick person whose illness might cause him to face the real possibility of death. That season seven Magnum P.I. series finale – the one created because it seemed that possibility of “the end” was coming – was written, produced and aired. But as we know, the show didn’t die -- instead it recovered; it continued to air for a whole additional season. In just such a way, a sick person who is anointed may physically recover, by the grace of the Sacrament – but conversely, he may not recover. In either event, the Sacrament gave the person an encounter with Christ – with God. That person received His sanctifying grace, the grace of the Sacrament! As for whether the person is healed in the earthly sense or in the eternal sense, rests, as St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, “in the hands of God alone, for which reason they are committed to Him by prayer.”

Say Please! In order that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick be confected validly, the proper “Form” and “Matter” must be present. The proper form of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is unique among all of the Sacraments in that it is in “deprecatory form.” What the heck does that mean? Well, in all of the other six Sacraments, the proper “form” finds the minister of the Sacrament making an “indicative” or commanding statement. For example, in the Sacrament of Penance the Priest says: “I absolve you...” In the Sacrament of the Eucharist, the Priest says: “This is my body, which will be given up for you.” In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Bishop says, “Be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.” In Anointing of the Sick, the statement is deprecatory – that is, it is not a command, but a petition, a request.

May Day. Specifically, in the proper form of the Sacrament, the Priest petitions God (emphasis added): “Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.” This is said as he anoints the head of the recipient of the Sacrament. Then he says: “May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.” This is said as he anoints the palms of the hands (if possible or practical, or another part of the body, if not) of the recipient of the Sacrament. These petitions comprise the form of the Sacrament.

The Matter of Fact. The matter of the Sacrament is the Oil of the Sick (oleo infirmis). This oil is blessed by the Bishop annually during Holy Week at the Chrism Mass. He blesses enough for the entirety of the Diocese and it is distributed to the parishes. If for some reason, in an emergency situation, a priest finds himself without the Oil of the Sick, he may bless olive oil (or another natural oil) for use in Anointing only during that one emergency. Thus, when the proper minister, having the intention of the Church, anoints a sick person with the Oil of the Sick (matter) on the head and hands, while saying the proper deprecatory petitions (form), the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is confected, and an encounter with Christ occurs.

Next week’s column will continue with this topic of Last Rites.

Yours in Christ,
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