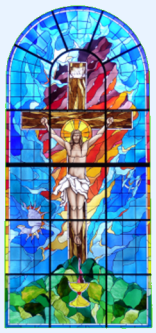

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Immaculate Conception

June 28, 2026 — **13th 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

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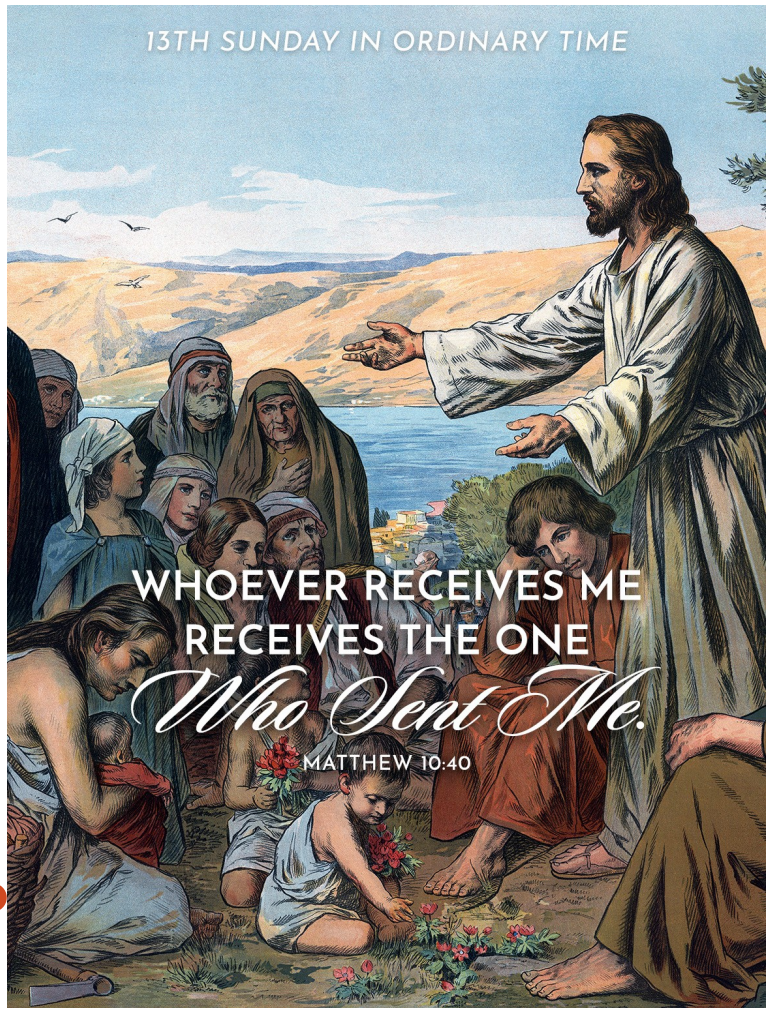
Parish Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-1 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

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

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.

July 4th Mass

On Saturday, July 4, Holy Cross will celebrate Mass at 9 am in the church. Celebrating our country's 250th year is a special celebration. We will have our choir sing in our Mass that morning. We invite everyone to attend in thanksgiving for this spedial day for our nation, and ask for a spedial blessing from God for all the good our country has done. The USA is a wonderful place to live and praise God. It will be a Mass filling the air with patriotic hymns.

stewardship

Weekly Offering (HC)

Ending June 14, 2026

Offertory Type	Received	Budgeted/ Needed	Difference
Regular	$39,309	$24,988	$14,321
YTD	$1,327,731	$1,305,036	$22,695
Needs	$1,752	$1,738	$14

Weekly Offering (ICC)

Ending June 14, 2026

Offertory Type	Received
Regular	$4,138
Second	$519

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June 28, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
2 Kings 4:8–11, 14–16a / Romans 6:3–4, 8–11 / Matthew 10:37–42
MIGUEL DULICK

Today's gospel passage is challenging. If anyone oth-er than Jesus told you that if you love your own family "more than me," you are "not worthy of me," you would laugh in their face! Or, is this what scholars call a "sem-itism"—a culturally conditioned exaggeration used for ef-fect? What about you are "not worthy of me" unless you "take up [your] cross and follow me," or "whoever finds his life will lose it"? Does Jesus mean these liter-ally, or are these metaphors? And what is "a prophet's reward"?

A friend of mine tried an experiment. He took the Gospel of Matthew and read it through from start to fin-ish as if he had never seen it before. He was astonished! Jesus was serious. He meant it—all of it. Try it your-self without looking for loopholes.

The key in the reading today is "for my sake." The standard, the rule, that absolute mark is "me," that is, Jesus himself, only Jesus, always Je-sus. And Jesus sets that mark very high. Take up your cross? Jesus was aban-doned on the cross. Jesus gave away his Mother from the cross. Jesus lost his life on the cross. But he found that life: resurrection! That is "a prophet's reward," is it not?

I have to love Jesus' promise, a special "reward" for just sharing "a cup of cold water" with a "little one." It reminds me of Honduras, where I live. Here, a cup of cold water can make the difference between life and death. And that is no exaggeration!

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Reflect

Have I read a whole gospel from start to finish?

pastor's column

MONDAY
June 29
Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Acts 12:1–11
2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18
Mt 16:13–19

TUESDAY
June 30
Weekday
Am 3:1–8; 4:11–12
Mt 8:23–27

WEDNESDAY
July 1
Weekday
Am 5:14–15, 21–24
Mt 8:28–34

THURSDAY
July 2
Weekday
Am 7:10–17
Mt 9:1–8

FRIDAY
July 3
St. Thomas, Apostle
Eph 2:19–22
Jn 20:24–29

SATURDAY
July 4
Weekday
Am 9:11–15
Mt 9:14–17

SUNDAY
July 5
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zec 9:9–10
Rom 8:9, 11–13
Mt 11:25–30

HC & ICC Clergy

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

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

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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.

Newly Baptized

Congratulations to our newly baptized members:

- Lucas Matthew Girardin
- Santiago Gerardo Servin
- Lucas Ronald Fisher
- Jake Lopez
- Elianna Maria Julian Davis

Recently Deceased

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

- Rafael Caccesse
- Beau Benson
- Dante F. Coroniti

Welcome New Parishioners

We extend a warm welcome to our newly registered members:

- Shauna and Joshua Williams, Sawyer, Parker and Ember Williams

Mass Intention
June/July

29 Monday
HC 8:00 am John Dyba

30 Tuesday
HC 8:00 am Nancy W. Cook

1 Wednesday
HC 8:15 am Jonathan Roumie (LI)

2 Thursday
HC 8:00 am Barbara Casey
ICC 6:00 pm For the People

3 Friday
HC 8:00 am Carla Salazar

4 Saturday
HC 9:00 am For the People
HC 5:00 pm Lynn Farley

5 Sunday
HC 7:30 am Zadoc & John Pool
ICC 8:30 am Luis & Anna Adam
HC 9:30 am Sylvia Cruz
ICC 11:00 am Gregory Taraila
HC 11:30 am Coury Family (LI)
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 the intention of parishioners of Holy Cross..

JULY 4/5, 2026

	EMHC		SERVERS
5:00 PM	J. Bieker C. Bugglin	M. Casey J. Clendaniel	M. Rubino W. Shuron
			LECTORS
			H. Curley D. Dixion
7:30 AM	L. Luckett C. Brown	J. Davis J. Denney	A. Wilk C. Wilk
			LECTORS
			M. Jacobs
9:30 AM	D. Diaz-Martinez S. Ford	F. Hanlin K. Kelly	J. Beugre C. Beugre
			LECTORS
			J. Lausten M. Lausten
11:30 AM	M. Espinosa M. Richard	E. Mendez	J. Emiliano J. Cortes
			LECTORS
			A. Perez D. Torres

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM	G. Godfrey		
			LECTORS
			D. Smith
11:00 AM	F. Cristiano		
			LECTORS
			Lausten Family

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.

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.

- **Gratitud:** No tengo palabra para agradecer el homenaje y la recepción recibida el domingo 14 de junio que la comunidad Hispana de Holy Cross, fue muy emotivo, el video, el álbum y el sentimiento expresado siempre se los agradeceré, sentí el gran cariño de cada uno de ustedes y ese momento lo guardare profundamente en mi corazón toda la vida. No todo fue perfecto, pero todo fue con amor, dedicación y alegría. A los organizadas gracias por guardar muy bien la sorpresa, no esperaba todo el afecto que mostraron fue un momento agridulce porque a través de los años he cultivado amistades que al pasar de los años se convirtieron en parte de mi familia. Para mí fue un privilegio y una bendición haber caminado y haber servido como Directora del Ministerio Hispano y al Señor a través de la Comunidad Hispana de Holy Cross, y la Inmaculada Concepcion, me llevaré recuerdos in borrables quedaran impresos, en el baul de mis recuerdos pero "Todo tiene su tiempo, y todo lo que se quiere debajo del cielo tiene su hora" Eclesiastés 3,1. No sé qué dirección o que el Señor tenga preparado para mi en este nuevo capítulo de mi vida, pero en el pongo toda mi confianza de que el guiare cada segundo de mi vida, les pido que oren por mi para que me conceda buena salud, perseverancia y alegría, ustedes estarán en mis oraciones
- En nombre de la Comunidad Hispana quiero felicitar y agradecer a la Sra. Dian Belt por su dedicación, entrega, y apoyo a la comunidad. Solo me falta agradecer también a la Sra. Linda Darling, al Sr. Ken Trojan desearles todo lo mejor y que disfruten de su jubilación y que el Señor los bendiga. Al padre Lentini gracias y éxito en su nueva parroquia, Continuemos orando por nuestro nuevo párroco Rev. Giamello y su nuevo equipo de trabajo y por todos los que sirven esta nación.
- **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

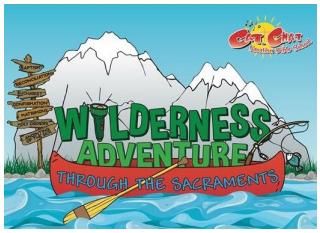
- **Inscripciones para la Escuela Dominical:** Ya se están recibiendo inscripciones para el próximo año. Por favor, inscriban a sus hijos ahora para asegurar su lugar en una clase aquí en la Inmaculada Concepción. Se necesitan catequistas para el año escolar 2026-2027. Si desean colaborar con la Educación 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.

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

Immaculate Conception: 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

Dear Parishioners,

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the month of July. Summer seems to be moving quickly, and this season has been a wonderful time of both reflection and preparation as we close one school year and eagerly plan for the next.

This past week was filled with interviews for our new first and second grade teaching positions, meetings with new personnel, curriculum planning, and many exciting conversations about the future of Holy Cross School. While our students are enjoying their summer break, there is still plenty of activity taking place on campus as we work to ensure that we are ready to welcome everyone back in August. One of the projects completed this week was the finishing touches on Ms. Dornberger's new office in the elementary building. Ms. Dornberger, our School Administration Manager, now has a beautiful space from which she will continue supporting our students, families, and staff. We are grateful to our dedicated maintenance team for their hard work in making this project a success.

Another exciting project currently underway is the creation of a new teacher workroom. This special initiative has been made possible through the incredible generosity of Mrs. Lewis, who donated the funds for the project in loving memory of her husband, Craig Lewis.

As a school community rooted in faith, we recognize that generosity is one of the greatest ways we can live out Christ's call to serve others. Mrs. Lewis has been a faithful supporter of Holy Cross School for many years, and we are deeply grateful for her continued commitment to our mission. Her gift will have a lasting impact on our entire school community and will serve as a daily reminder of the kindness and generosity that Mr. Lewis embodied.

This new teacher workroom will provide our faculty with a centralized space where they can access the resources they need to best serve our students. The room will include mailboxes, copiers, printers, laminating equipment, poster-making tools, computers, updated technology, and a conference area. It will also feature a refrigerator, microwave, and comfortable gathering spaces that will allow teachers to collaborate, build community, and support one another in their ministry as Catholic educators. Most importantly, this project is an investment in our teachers. By providing them with a dedicated space designed to support their work, we are helping them better prepare engaging lessons, collaborate with colleagues, and continue providing the exceptional Catholic education that our families value so deeply.

As work continues, we ask that you keep the Lewis family in your prayers. May Mr. Lewis' legacy continue to inspire generosity, community, and faith for years to come.
As we enter the month of July, we also want to remind families who have not yet completed re-registration for the 2026–2027 school year to do so as soon as possible to secure their child's place. We are excited about the continued growth of our Crusader family and all that God has in store for Holy Cross School.

I hope your summer continues to be filled with faith, family, friendship, and many blessings.
As always, thank you for your continued support of Holy Cross School.

Mrs. O'Mara

Queridos Feligreses,

Todo profeta no habla en nombre propio, sino en nombre de Dios. El profeta anuncia un mensaje que no es personal, no tiene origen humano, sino divino. El profeta se parece a un parlante, en el parlante se escucha una voz, pero no es que el parlante hable, porque el parlante es sólo un instrumento, sino que el parlante reproduce la voz de una persona que está hablando desde otro sitio. De la misma manera, el profeta, es un instrumento útil y valioso de Dios, en el cual se reproduce, la voz de Dios. Precisamente por eso, es que cuando los profetas hablan, dicen: "Esto dice El Señor" Es un anuncio directo y no sometido a la evaluación y aprobación de los demás" porque la Palabra de Dios, proviene de Dios, y sabemos que Dios es Bueno, y todo lo que proviene de Dios es Bueno. Sin embargo, la vida de los profetas siempre es una amenaza, para muchos que tienen planes contrarios a la voluntad de Dios. No todos los que escuchan al profeta, es porque quieren hacer la voluntad de Dios, hay muchos que escuchan al profeta, sólo para buscar un motivo o justificación, para matarlo o eliminarlo. No obstante, el profeta que es un hombre consciente de su vocación y misión siempre camina hacia adelante, porque tiene la plena certeza y la más íntima convicción de que prefiere obedecer a Dios, y no someterse a la maldad de los hombres que odian el mensaje de Dios. El profeta Jeremías se refugia en Dios y clama: Dios está conmigo, y veré a mis enemigos caer por tierra. A Dios se le invoca con la fe, a Dios no se le invoca desde una exigencia o queja, por tal razón es que a Dios le gusta cuando las personas sabemos pedir. El profeta nos enseña a tener plena confianza en Dios y no en la maldad. La maldad proviene de los enemigos de Dios, una persona que se considera a sí misma, seguidora de Dios y se dedica a hacer el mal, debe cuestionar con honestidad y sinceridad su propia vocación cristiana. Todo discípulo de Cristo, cuando cumple su misión y encuentra maldad, debe exclamar de rodillas en la oración: "el auxilio me viene del Señor que hizo el cielo y la tierra". Dios responde a la fe, no a la queja o cuchicheo.

El salmo dice: Dios es Bueno. Dios siempre escucha a su pueblo, dice la Biblia. ¿Por qué muchas personas dicen Dios no me escucha? Dios no es mentiroso. La verdad es que Dios sí te escucha, pero si no tienes fe, ¿cómo le vas a pedir a Dios?

El apóstol San Pablo afirma que sólo en Dios hay vida. Todos los caminos contrarios a Dios sólo conducen a la muerte. Todos los discípulos de Cristo debemos buscar la felicidad de la vida en Dios y no en otros lugares equivocados. Debemos usar el discernimiento, que es un don del Espíritu Santo, para preguntarle a Dios, qué es bueno y que es malo y luego tomar una decisión desde la libertad de cada ser humano, una decisión absolutamente libre y sin coacción, una decisión no motivada y manipulada, sino soberana, desde la libertad de cada ser humano.

Jesucristo pide confianza total en Dios y no en el miedo, el miedo no proviene de Dios. El miedo conduce a la tristeza y la tristeza a la depresión. Dios no quiere a sus hijos, sumergidos en la depresión. Dios quiere a sus hijos sumergidos en la alegría y en la esperanza. ¿tienes miedo de abandonar el camino hacia la muerte y dirigirte hacia el camino de Dios? ¡Ánimo! El miedo lo infunde el enemigo de Dios y hay que liberarse de él.

Sinceramente,

Padre Padilla