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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

May 28, 2023

Pentecost

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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-5 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 9:30 am
Thursday, 6:30 pm



COME,
HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS OF
THE FAITHFUL

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.

FROM THE PASTOR ON MEMORIAL DAY

On May 20, our nation observed Armed Forces Day. This is a day on which we give thanks to honor the men and women who serve in our nations armed forces. And we indeed thank those faithful members of our armed forces for their dutiful service.

Coming up, on May 29, our nation will observe Memorial Day — this is a day set aside for us — our nation collectively and each of us individually — to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our nation while serving in the armed forces. That is, we remember those who gave their lives, so that others might enjoy their right to life. Freedom and liberty have a price. When you get a chance, look at the image of the many graves at Arlington National Cemetery to get a taste what that price is.

A country song from a generation ago, sang of the valor and value of those who gave their lives. The song was “Some Gave All” — and its lyrics, sung from the perspective of a fallen member of the armed forces, read:

All gave some, some gave all.
Some stood through for the red, white and blue
And some had to fall
And if you ever think of me
Think of all your liberties and recall

On behalf of the priests, deacons, staff, and all of us here at Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception Parishes, we wish one and all a happy, prayerful and reflective Memorial Day.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

Ending May 14, 2023

| OFFERTORY TYPE | RECEIVED | BUDGETED/ NEEDED | DIFFERENCE |
|----------------|-------------|------------------|------------|
| Regular | \$22,362 | \$26,220 | (\$3,858) |
| YTD | \$1,221,727 | \$1,259,840 | (\$38,113) |
| Needs | \$1,579 | \$1,604 | (\$25) |

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending May 14, 2023

| OFFERTORY TYPE | RECEIVED |
|-------------------|----------|
| Regular | \$3,949 |
| Second Collection | \$771 |

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Dear Parishioners,

In this third-part of this series of columns on the Eucharist, I will focus on the distinctions between the terms Eucharist, Holy Communion and Mass, while also explaining other related matters for clarification as relates to the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The Eucharist. I am a believer in the idea that words mean things, that is, they are not mere combinations of letter, but rather are expressive creations. The language we use when talking about our faith needs to be precise. Regarding the Sacrament of the Eucharist, this is especially true. In this regard, there are three terms that are used commonly regarding the Eucharist which are often used interchangeably, but are not, in fact, interchangeable. These are: Eucharist, Holy Communion and Mass.

Term Limits. As an entrée into the terminological distinction of these words, let me use a more commonplace set of terms that share, in many ways, the Eucharist's distinctions. The words "wristwatch," "clock" and "time" are three words that are very closely related -- just like Holy Communion, Mass and the Eucharist -- but are nonetheless distinct. One may wear a wristwatch. It is a timepiece; the face of that wristwatch shows a clock (analog or digital) and one looks at the clock's face to determine the time. Both the wristwatch and the clock-face of the wristwatch are there -- they exist -- in connection to time. The time is the fundamental item at hand; without time, no one would need a clock or wear a wristwatch. So, too, this relationship and distinction applies to the Eucharist.

Sometimes the lines of distinction between the Holy Eucharist, Holy Communion and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass are blurred -- and that's a problem. The three are connected, to be sure, but they are not same thing.

Thanks Be to God. So, let's clarify: the Eucharist is the name of the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. There are seven Sacraments in the Church, the most blessed of which is the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The word "eucharist" comes from a Greek word meaning "thanksgiving." Thus, in ancient Greece, any kind of thanksgiving would be "eucharist." However, we're not in ancient Greece, and the "thanksgiving" we are speaking of is a very specific thanksgiving. It is the thanksgiving for Christ's sacrifice for us which makes present to us His person, His Body and Blood. Since this is a quite specific "thanksgiving," we do not call this Sacrament "Eucharist" we call it "the Eucharist" (or "the Holy Eucharist", or "the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist"). In the case of "the Eucharist" that "the" becomes -- dare I say -- an article of faith.

Who's that Girl? To put this into a pop cultural perspective: the 1960s TV sitcom starring actress Marlo Thomas was called "That Girl" not "Girl" or "Some Girl." It wasn't about any girl; it was about that one. So, too, the Eucharist should never, except in perhaps the most metaphysical consideration, be called "Eucharist." You may hear some folks say just "Eucharist;" indeed, you may. But, one also hears people saying "ain't," but that doesn't make it right. I have actually invoked a term to describe this removal of the "the" in front

of the Eucharist by folks: I call it article-erasing. Folks that engage in article-erasing eliminate the article "the" make the Eucharist a more vague or abstract thing. But the Eucharist, in truth, is neither vague nor is it abstract; it is a Sacrament; it is a specific form of thanksgiving. For us as Catholics, it's not just any thanksgiving; it is the thanksgiving -- the Eucharist. This is how the Church in its documents speaks about it; it should also be our language.

Wholly Communion. Okay, so that's what "the Eucharist" means. But, you may wonder, isn't Holy Communion also the Eucharist? Strictly speaking, the answer is no. Holy Communion is something much more specific: it is not merely the Eucharist, it is the reception, the receiving, of the Eucharist. To use a royal analogy, the royal crown (not the soda, the headgear) is a crown; when a King or Queen is crowned with it, it is called "coronation." Coronation, while related to the crown, is not the crown, it is the reception of the crown. So, too, Holy Communion, while related to the Eucharist, is not the Eucharist; it is its reception. Thus the Eucharist in its ministrations to the faithful is called "Holy Communion."

Some Extraordinary People. Related to this distinction is the name given to the lay faithful commissioned to assist in distributing Holy Communion during Mass. The folks, who are commissioned to assist the clergy, on an extraordinary basis, are commonly called "Eucharistic Ministers" -- but that is imprecise colloquial short-hand. These folks are strictly directed to assist in the distribution of "Holy Communion" (i.e., as mentioned, this is the Eucharist being received by the faithful). Thus, the titles of these lay-faithful assistants are, "Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion." That is right and just: on an extraordinary (as needed) basis, these folks minister "Holy Communion" to the faithful. This is why, among other reasons, the Church a few years back clarified that these faithful ministers do not purify sacred vessels (that's left to sacred ministers) -- their role is specifically to distribute Holy Communion.

Ending Mass Confusion. The final term of endearment related to the Eucharist that needs to be addressed is "Mass." From the Latin word missa, Mass is the name we use to describe the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The gathering of the faithful during which the Eucharist is consecrated at the altar and then distributed to the faithful as Holy Communion is called Mass. Mass requires the proper minister (Bishop or priest), the proper offerings (bread, wine), the intention of the Church and the use of the proper Ritual. There are various Mass texts to adapt to a specific day or season -- but no matter when the Eucharist is celebrated... that is the Mass.

Service Stations? There are other actions related to the Eucharist that are specifically not Mass. In the absence

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| Msgr. Daniel McGlynn | Pastor Emeritus |
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| Mr. Vincent Pisano | Deacon |

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ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

The Catechism In a Year

www.ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear

Bible in a Year

In English: Father Mike Schmitz

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/>

In Spanish: Fray Sergio Serrano

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-espanol-registration>

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, June 3rd, tune-in to hear an interview with Archduke Eduard Habsburg, Hungarian Ambassador to the Holy See, and author of the new book, "The Habsburg Way: Seven Rules for Turbulent Times." Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our condolences to the families of those who recently passed:

- James Flood
- Francis Letavish

May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our newest members:

- Anna Richter
- Kingsley, Joyce and Eucharua Onwuakpa
- John Luong
- Joseph and Rachel Rigolino

RETRouvaille

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Ret-ro-vy). Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming programs will be held August 18 - 20 and again October 6 - 8, 2023 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.

HOLY TRINITY (JUNE 4)

FIRST READING: EXODUS 34:4-6, 8-9

Moses bows before the Lord, acknowledging the guilt of the people.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIAN 13:11-13

Paul encourages us to be happy as we live in love and peace with God and each other.

GOSPEL: JOHN 3:16-18

God's love for the world is such that God's only Son was sent into the world so that through him the world might be saved.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Mass on Monday, May 29, will be celebrated at 9 am only.

The Parish and School Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of the holiday.



GIVE A GIFT OF PRAYER TO OUR PRIEST!

Seven Sisters Apostolate

Ladies: Would you like to give a gift of prayer to our priest? We are looking for Ladies to start a Seven Sisters Apostolate at Holy Cross.

Ladies and Men: We will also need substitutes

A Seven Sister prays for:

- One Holy Hour
- One Day a Week
- One Priest
- One Heart of Prayer

Seven Sisters Apostolate is an international Apostolate of women formed in 2011 who commit to pray for one hour on a distinct day of the week for a particular priest, thus covering a complete week, ideally prayed in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We would like to start this ministry at Holy Cross on June 16th, 2023 on The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Please be a part of this exciting and blessed ministry. There are no regular meetings to attend. You pray alone in quiet.

For more information please attend one of the following discussions:

- (1) May 30, 8:30 am, St. Luke Room of ELC
- (2) May 30, 5:00 pm, St. Luke Room of ELC

You may also visit the website:

www.sevensistersapostolate.org or local contact: Delizabeth at 443-739-6067

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

Cemetery News - Memorial Day Weekend

Cemetery Committee members will be in the Gathering Space following all weekend Masses. American flags for our Veterans' graves will be available for \$5. American flags are placed on our Veterans'



graves for both Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Nearly 300 flags are placed on each of these holidays. This is the once-a-year opportunity to donate towards the purchase of flags, which, like

MASS INTENTIONS MAY/JUNE

29 MONDAY

HC 9:00 am Teresa Crenshaw

30 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Robert Meehan

31 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:15 am Beverly Bresnahan

1 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am DM Alekandra & Antoni Kabzinski
ICC 6:00 pm For the People

2 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am LI Keiolph & Dlane Lisak Family

3 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Franklin, Larry & Michael Bearse
HC 5:00 pm Mary and Tom Derlinga

4 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Salvatore Trancocci
ICC 8:30 am Bill Taylor
HC 9:30 am DM Neduchin & Saladino Fam.
ICC 11:00 am Keith DeFrancesco
HC 11:30 am Emma Shanesy
ICC 1:00 pm For the People

(LI—LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

everything else, continues to increase in price. Your support is greatly appreciated.

In addition to obtaining information about our cemetery, you can find out about ordering monument flower vases, veterans' flag holders, placing an order for an engraved brick paver, and signing up for an appointment call-back from our cemetery administrator.

POST HOLIDAY CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

A post-holiday cemetery clean-up will be conducted on Saturday, June 11th. Everything except artificial and live flowers will be removed. Please remove items you wish to keep before then.

HOLY CROSS JUNE 3/4, 2023

EMHC

SERVERS

5:00 PM

J. Bieker
C. Bugglin

M. Casey
F. Ernst

S. Murawski
B. Richardson
L. Richardson

LECTORS

D. Kilby
H. Walker

7:30 AM

C. Brown
J. Chandler

J. Clendaniel
T. Dinan

E. Bydlon
S. Shevock

LECTORS

J. Davis

9:30 AM

G. Richards
N. Sirolli

G. Wessel
M. Wessel

F. Madukwe
J. Novack
J. Novack

LECTORS

T. Baurys
J. Coffield

11:30 AM

C. Garcia
B. Guzman

A. Luna

TBD

LECTORS

TBD

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

K. Durham

8:30 AM

LECTORS

D. Smith

11:00 AM

B. Van-
Vessen

LECTORS

D. King

1:00 PM

TBD

Homebound Ministry at Holy Cross
Needs Your Help

Holy Cross is in need of more Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to bring the Eucharist to the shut ins and those in the nursing homes and hospital. We service so many assisted living places, rehabilitation places, nursing homes, the hospital, and the homebound and do not have enough ministers to lighten the load of those already doing this special ministry.

We are having a training on May 31, at 6 pm, if you would like to be part of this ministry. Call the office if you would like to attend. We need YOUR help!!!

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

Can you spare an hour to spend with Jesus? Our Adoration Chapel is open from 5 am to 9 pm Monday through Sunday We have openings where you can spend quality time with Our Lord. Call Joann Pate today at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you.

SUNDAY

7 am, 4 pm, 5pm

MONDAY

11 am, 5 pm

TUESDAY

5 am, 6 am, 5 pm, 8 pm

FRIDAY

8 am

SATURDAY

5 am, 10 am, 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm

MEN OF THE HOLY CROSS (NEW AND MORE CONVENIENT MEETINGS)

It is now easier than ever for you to join the Men of The Holy Cross! You are welcome to come in person or participate from the comfort of your home, sitting in your favorite chair with a cup of coffee. Thanks to our newest innovation (a state of the art "Meeting Owl" which makes you feel like you are there in person), all you need is your smartphone, tablet or computer. Just type in the following link and it will automatically guide you through the Zoom Meeting set up and join our hybrid meeting. <https://zoom.us/j/30861480> Wednesday mornings at 6:30 AM You need the ID #83606382292 and pass code 631, for prayer, gospel reflections. Email Steve Balogh with any questions: stephenb_01@yahoo.com.



- Estamos en Pentecostés, San Lucas describe la escena del descenso del Espíritu Santo como “el día en que llegó Pentecostés” (Hechos 2: 1). Para el cristiano, sigue siendo el "quincuagésimo día", después de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús, y la celebración del Don del Espíritu Santo. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (731-732) dice: En el día de Pentecostés, cuando las siete semanas de Pascua habían llegado a su fin, la Pascua de Cristo se cumple en el derramamiento del Espíritu Santo, manifestado, dado y comunicado como una persona divina: de su plenitud, Cristo, el Señor, derrama el Espíritu en abundancia.
- La Virgen Peregrina esta visitado casas. Si desea que la imagen de la virgen visite su hogar por una semana por favor de anotarse con la Sra. Martha Espinosa.
- AÑO DE AVIVAMIENTO PARROQUIAL 11 DE JUNIO 2023- 17 DE JULIO 2024. La segunda fase fomentará la devoción eucarística a nivel parroquial, fortaleciendo nuestra vida litúrgica a través de la celebración fiel de la misa, la adoración eucarística, las misiones, los recursos, la predicación y los movimientos orgánicos del Espíritu Santo. Por esta razón se les invita a todos a la novena de Corpus Christi comenzando el viernes antes de la Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad 2 de junio a las 7:00pm en la capilla del Santísimo. Hasta el día sábado antes de la Solemnidad de Corpus Christi 10 de junio y culminaremos el día domingo 11 de junio con la Santa Misa y la Procesión con Jesús Sacramentado alrededor de los predios de nuestra parroquia. Se les pide a todos los ministros que por favor participen.
- Escuela Bíblica de Verano: Las inscripciones están abiertas para La Escuela Bíblica de Verano. Es un programa de 1 semana del 10-14 julio de 9:00 AM – 12 PM. Puede inscribirá su hijo(a) entre los 4-12 años de edad antes del 16 de junio. Los cupos son limitados.
- Inscriba a su niño para la Educación Religiosa que ya están abiertas. Si su hijo(a) no está asistiendo a una escuela católica debe de inscribirse en Las aplicaciones están en línea y el 21 de mayo estarán llenando inscripciones después de la misa.

ICC

- Educación Religiosa: Las inscripciones para la Educación Religiosa para el año escolar 2023-2024 ya están abiertas. Inscriba a sus hijos ahora, para que podamos planificar en consecuencia. Las tarifas son de \$50 por 1 niño, \$100 por 2 niños, \$150 por 3 niños y \$180 por más de 4 niños. Después del 1 de julio habrá una tarifa adicional de \$10 por niño. Las clases comienzan el domingo 24 de septiembre de 2023.
- Se necesitan voluntarios. Si usted o alguien que conoce está interesado en ser voluntario, ser un líder de pares para la Educación Religiosa o la Preparación para la Confirmación, comuníquese con Alicia Poppiti @ dre@iccmaryl.org o 410-482-8939.
- Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones: ¡La EBV “Estelar” es para niños de 4 a 16 años! Por favor inscriba a sus hijos para asistir. 31 de julio al 4 de agosto, de 6 a 8:30 p. m. en el Salón Parroquial. Todavía se necesitan voluntarios. Póngase en contacto con Alicia Poppiti si está interesado en ayudar.
- La Inmaculada Concepción Invita a los niños a la EBV Estelar: ¡Brilla la Luz de Jesús! Un evento de verano para niños llamado Stellar VBS donde los niños descubren cómo pueden hacer brillar el amor y la esperanza de Jesús en la vida cotidiana! Los niños participan en memorables actividades de aprendizaje de la Biblia, cantan canciones pegadizas, juegan juegos de trabajo en equipo, preparan y devoran deliciosos dulces. Cada día concluye con un Cierre Cósmico que involucra a todos en vivir lo aprendido. Se alienta a los familiares y amigos a unirse diariamente a este momento especial a las 8:15 p. m. para el Cierre Cósmico. Stellar y funcionará de 6:00 p. m. a 8:30 p. m. todos los días. Para obtener más información, llame a Alicia Poppiti al 410-482-8939. Los niños deben estar inscritos para asistir.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Have a child or children in grades K-8 who need faith formation? Please go to the following link to register for religious education classes.

<https://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation>

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

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)
LAFF, Living as a Family of Faith. How is your Faith growing; personally, and as a family? I was once told, “show me a Bible that has not been opened and I’ll show you a family falling apart; show me a Bible falling apart, and I’ll show you a family living in Faith.” Put down the electronics and pick up the Bible and pray together as a family and learn to communicate with God and each other. Learn more about our Faith and the Catholic Church. Understand what “The Source and Summit” of our Catholic Faith is all about. Come out and join us; families gathering for prayer, communion with one another, sharing our Faith Life experiences. Bring your communications equipment with you: Basic Information Before Leaving Earth. BIBLE!

Interested in enrolling your family in the LAFF program for the 2023-24 school year? Please go to the following link to register for the LAFF program using the religious education form. <https://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation>

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

**July 10th-14th 2023, for kids
ages PK4-6
9:00AM-12:00PM**

Grades PK4-4

The overall goal of this program is to awaken the hearts and minds of kids to the beauty of God’s creation and the dignity of the human person. Kids will learn to discover, respect, protect, serve and celebrate life.

Grades 5th and 6th

This 1st year program is called SAINTS IN TRAINING Students will be training in 8 different virtues. This is an engaging Catholic program which will help anchor our 5th and 6th graders in their faith to help form our next generation of Saints!



To Register for either program please go to: <https://holycrossdover.org/about-us/headlines/6436-vacation-bible-school-2023>

Registration is due no later than June 16th – Registration is limited! If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

YOUTH PROGRAMS AT HOLY CROSS

Registration for Confirmation 2024:

Forms for registering for Confirmation Preparation Classes may be found on the Holy Cross website under Teaching the Faith - Sacramental Preparation - Confirmation. Please return forms to the Religious Education Office no later than June 30, 2023.

CATHOLIC HEART CAMP IN DOVER

Catholic Heart Camp will be coming to Holy Cross from June 19 to June 22. Anyone who needs assistance with painting, yard work, light repairs, etc., please call Linda Darling at 302-674-5787, ext. 123, or email her at ldarling@holycrossdover.org.

SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Registration for Religious Education for the 2023-2024 school year are now open. Please get your children registered now, so that we may plan accordingly.

Immaculate Conception Invites Children to Stellar VBS: Shine Jesus’

Light!

A summer kids’ event called Stellar VBS will be hosted at Immaculate Conception from Monday, **July 31st to Friday, August 4th**. At Stellar, kids discover how they can shine Jesus’ love and hope in everyday life! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of Jesus’ light, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they’ll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Cosmic Closing that gets everyone involved in living what they’ve learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 8:15pm for Cosmic Closing. Stellar is for kids from 4 to 16 and will run from 6pm to 8:30pm each day. For more information, call Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939. Children must be registered to attend.



It has been said that a smile is the universal language. It is so true that a smile shared between two strangers communicates a friendly unsaid hello, a friendly unspoken welcome, a friendly expression of gratitude. No words necessary. It costs nothing.

There isn't anything that evokes that feel-good all-over feeling than the smile of a child. There have been plenty of them to go around here lately at HCS. I suppose it all started with our fabulously successful Walk-A-Thon. The pervading good spirit seems to have lingered. The eighth graders are looking forward to graduation having just concluded their Spirit Week, Mission Possible, the elementary Spring stage presentation was a gigantic success, our precious second graders received their First Holy Communion, the true meaning of school community was demonstrated when our NJHS members sponsored a Car Wash to benefit their fellow Crusaders who are traveling to Michigan for Odyssey of the Mind; World Competition, and our beautiful new yearbooks arrived in plenty of time for distribution.

There was great enjoyment campus-wide on the HCS retreat day. The schoolwide retreat day is an annual event to culminate our

yearly observance of the Diocesan theme. This year our theme was One Body in Christ. I can't think of a better way to celebrate than to bring the entire school together as one body in Christ. Our day began with Mass. Mass was immediately followed by our annual May Procession. The entire school body processed around the campus, gathering around the statue of the BVM. A statue of Our Lady of Fatima carried by four eighth graders lead us in procession.



Our sweet second graders were dressed in the FHC regalia. Kari P. placed the crown atop the head of the Blessed Mother as we sang the words of Immaculate Mary. Everyone returned to the classrooms for the cross-grade level activity. I loved watching the cooperative working dynamic between the older and younger child as they created lovely spring flowers which adorned our school campus. Our schoolwide picnic soon followed on the field or on other grassy parts of our campus. Everyone enjoyed their free hot dog lunch, before gathering in the church for the Living World Rosary. It was a beautiful day in every way imaginable with the consensus being "we really ought to do this more than once a year."

Holy Cross: One Body in Christ.



of a Priest, some parishes may have what is commonly dubbed a “communion service.” That is not Mass – no Sacrifice occurs on the altar; no sacrament is confectioned. It is merely the distribution of Holy Communion. This may only occur on Sunday, in the absence of a priest. On weekdays, when there is an unexpected absence of a priest (i.e., priest got sick, priest was in accident, etc.), a communion service may be held for those who rightly showed up for Mass (but these weekday services may not be scheduled and are not a substitute for Mass). With the priest shortage in parts of our nation today, there are areas that have a Sunday “Communion Service” (properly called, “Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest”) for consecutive Sundays, and then Mass, when possible.

“A” Your Adorable. Also related to the Eucharist is the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament – a beautiful, precious and valuable practice – during which the Sacred Host is exposed in a Monstrance (a liturgical vessel that shows the host in its fullness). Recognizing Christ’s real presence in the host, the faithful worship and adore Christ – their Lord and God – with proper prayers, rites and song. Adoration is beautiful and quite important – but it is not to be confused with Mass.

Keeping Your Word. The point I am making is this: We must be careful and precise with the language concerning the things of the Eucharist – that which is precious deserves precision of our words. Thus, we should avoid saying things like “St. Cunegunda Parish is having Eucharist at 9:00 a.m.” No! St. Cunegunda Parish is having (or celebrating) Mass at 9:00 a.m.; thus assuming a homily of reasonable length, one might be having (receiving) the Eucharist in Holy Communion at about 9:42 a.m. Every once in a while we hear simply “Eucharist at 9 a.m.” – does that mean Mass? Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament? Communion Service? We need to be precise.

Coming to Terms. Let me also note this: For some reason, for a period of time it was *de rigueur*, to substitute the words “Eucharist” or “Liturgy” for the word “Mass” – but that is imprecise. When someone says “we are celebrating liturgy at 9:00 am” that is like saying “at 10 pm, I am watching ‘tv show.’” This is a matter which needs clarity: Mass is the only word to use for Mass. You can add adjectives: “Holy Mass,” “Morning Mass,” “Sunday Mass” to qualify it, but the word Mass is the word, and the only word that describes, propitiously, the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Body and Blood. Finally, since the reception of Holy Communion from the cup was stopped a few years back, many people have asked me: *When will we be able to receive the Blood of Christ again?* Let me start the response by noting that in the Church, from the early/midpoint of the first millennium until around 1970, no one but the priest (or Bishop) received from the cup. In the wake of the Second Vatican Council, the Church said that local Bishop Conferences could determine special days or feasts on which communion could be received under both forms (the host and the cup) – for example, at the Easter Vigil, on Corpus Christi, at First Holy Communion, etc. But, those special times soon became all the time; every Mass every day. However, with the cup having been withdrawn a few years ago, we have been blessed with a time for a reset on this whole matter. Yes, the Priest drinks from the Cup, but that is to complete the confection of the Sacrament and imitate the very actions of Christ – it is essential to the Rite for validity.

As it Was in the Beginning. But the specific answer to the question of “*When will we be able to receive the Blood of Christ again?*” is a simple one: You never stopped receiving the Blood of Christ. For when you receive the host – the Church teaches, and has taught from the very beginning – you are receiving the Body and Blood of Christ (this known as the Doctrine of Concomitance – a “de fide” doctrine that is at the highest level of Dogma). As the Church teaches, reception from the cup is merely “a fuller sign” – not a fuller reality – of the Eucharist. Hence, a person receives the Body and Blood of Christ whenever that person receives the Sacred Host – to deny that is the gravest of heresies.

A Reset. I would say that before there is any restart of the reception of the Blessed Sacrament from the cup – if/when that comes to pass – much catechesis (education) is needed. We need a reset. The fact that many people were not aware that in receiving the host they were receiving both the Body and Blood of Christ was surprising to me (i.e., as if Jesus were divided into sections). It tells me that for some, the understanding of the Eucharist might be a bit fuzzy – we need to de-fuzz the Sacrament that we call Most Blessed.

Three Points. So, please remember four things from all the above points:

- Remember to keep the word “the” in front of “Eucharist” – it is always “the Eucharist.”
Remember that “Holy Communion” is what you call receiving the Holy Eucharist.
Remember that “Mass” is the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.
Remember that in receiving the Sacred Host you are receiving the body and blood of Christ.

Words are All I Have. The pop music group The Bee Gees, in the 1970s, sang, “It’s only words, and words are all I have to take your heart away.” And so, too, for us, we often have only words to express our beliefs. Those words we use are valuable, important and they mean things – and when it comes to the Holy Eucharist, we need to use them well and properly so as to make our words and the words of our faith be as one.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini, Pastor