



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

November 13, 2022

33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 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

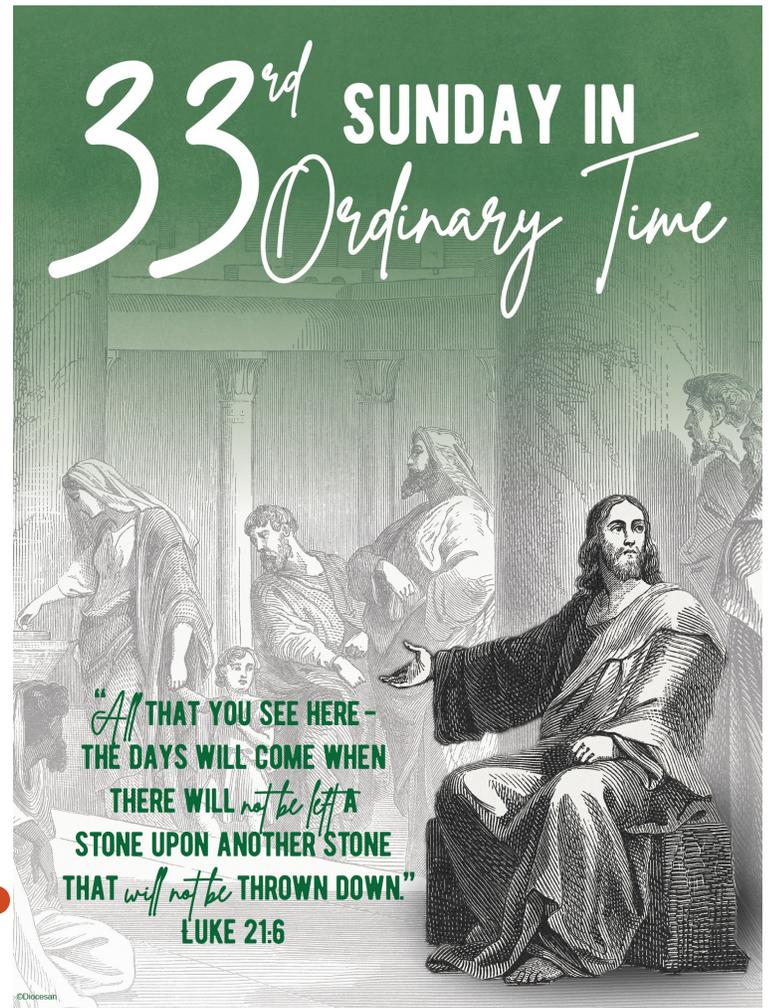
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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



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.

MASS BOOK FOR 2023

The Mass Book for 2023 is now open. Due to the reduced number of Masses we are currently offering, we must restrict the number of requests. Please see below:

1. You can request ONLY 3 Masses and payment of \$10 per Mass is required at the time of the request.
2. Requests MUST be written out providing your name, phone number, email, maximum three requests listing date and time of request (with alternative dates) and with person's name (remember intention can be for one person or members of same family only for the intentions). We will do our best to honor your request. *Please note we are only offering the 8 am Masses Monday through Saturday (8:15 on Wednesdays), 5 pm Saturday Mass, Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am Spanish Masses.*
3. Requests will be taken Monday through Fridays, 8:30 am to 2 pm only.
4. Requests for the Church tabernacle candle or Adoration Chapel candle can also be made. \$10 per request. Limit one request per person.

Please call the office with any questions.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

Ending October 30, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$33,877	\$27,300	\$6,577
YTD	\$449,693	\$484,500	(\$34,807)
Needs	\$1,934	\$1,604	\$330

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending October 30, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	\$3,961
Second Collection	\$331

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Dear Parishioner,

To take liberties with a famous song, from the famous movie “Casablanca” — “You must remember this, a king is still a king ... the fundamental things apply as time goes by.” Next weekend we will cap off the Church year with the celebration of the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. Our King, our Lord, our God, our Savior, and our Judge.

A Royal Distinction. Next Sunday we will celebrate the kingship of the Lord, as the one in whose royal, regal and righteous reign we subsist, persist and exist. And you know — with due respect to democracy and Presidents — there is something different about a king. Something exalted, yes, but what I am talking about is that is something otherly about a king. There is a certain, as the French would say, *je ne cai qua*, about a King.

King Elvis. For example, the greatest rock’n’roller of all time was Elvis Presley. And for his good — indeed great— works, he was given the monicker of “the king of rock’n’roll.” A superlative that speaks to his role in the lineage of rock’n’rollers that began with him. No one would deign to call Elvis Presley, the President of Rock’n’Roll or the Prime Minister of Rock’n’Roll — as those roles (President and Prime Minister) are transient. Those roles change every few years. A King, on the other hand, rules, lives and dies as a king. That’s why when we talk of King Henry VIII or King Louis XIV, we don’t say former King Henry VIII, or ex-King Louis XIV. Nope. They are still kings. There is something of eternity about that title.

Soul, Country and Frontier. Hence, singer Sam Cooke is the King of Soul, with Marvin Gaye succeeding him to the throne later. Singer George Strait is the most recent King of Country music, succeeding in the lineage of Hank Williams, Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings. And for those of us old enough to recall, Davey, Davey Crockett was the king of the wild frontier. These folks, whether entertainers or adventurers, are “kings” of sorts, in that they led, represented, and ruled their respective kingdoms and had loyal subjects who paid them homage... and still do. They were the good kings, remembered as being good at what they did.

Measure with Rulers. Taking that concept to earthly rulers — Kings: The special thing about a king in any kingdom is that a king rules the people, but is

not one of the people, that is, he is something other. He is the only one in his kingdom who is not a subject. Thus, for example, in England, the Monarch is the only person in all of the United Kingdom without a passport. Why? Because passports are issued, in the name of the monarch, to the subjects of the kingdom (of which the King or Queen authorizing those passports are not one). A monarch has all power entrusted to them to use wisely, kind of like in Matthew 28:18, when Jesus say, “*All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.*” One might note, that only Jesus Christ, the King, can issue our passports to heaven — and they are signed in his blood.

Radical Kingship. So, when we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, are we celebrating only some type of a parallel to earthly kingship? Not really. We are celebrating are far, far, far more radical kingship. And the Kingship of Jesus Christ is radical!

King 24/7/365. Let me take a step back before I talk about the radical kingship of Jesus Christ. And let me talk about the way we observe his Kingship. You see even though there is the holy day “The Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe,” — which is always the last Sunday of the Church year (thus, the Sunday before the first Sunday of Advent) this is not the only day we celebrate his Kingship. In fact, we celebrate his Kingship throughout the year... all the time. And, to quote something we say at Mass every day, it is right and just... it is right and just that we celebrate his Kingship.

Advent. On November 27, 2022 we will start a new year in the Church with the first Sunday in Advent. On that first Sunday, we acknowledge Christ’s kingship in Advent, just as we acknowledge it today. How so? In Advent, we prepare for the coming of the King: Jesus Christ — we prepare for his first coming at Christmas and his second at the end of time (when the King comes as our judge).

The Red Carpet. In Luke’s Gospel we are told to “*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*” This echoes Isaiah’s call in Isaiah 40:3-5 (in part): “*In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for*

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HC & ICC CLERGY

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

HC CLERGY

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

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell	Deacon
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WEDNESDAY MASS TIME TO CHANGE (HC)

Beginning on Wednesday, November 16, the Wednesday morning Mass will be held at **8:15 am.** We are switching to this new time on **Wednesdays only** to allow the school children to attend the morning Mass on Wednesdays. All other weekday morning Masses will remain at 8 am.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Soup and Silent Auction
Sunday Nov. 20, 2022
9:30 AM to 12:15 PM
Soups \$5.00 per container
Tamales 2 for \$5.00
\$1 Donuts and Coffee for Early Birds

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

If you have been to the cemetery recently, I'm sure you had to notice all the beautiful American flags. Once again, members of the Cemetery Committee have replaced all the tattered and torn flags with 260 new flags in honor of the veterans interred in our cemetery. While Memorial Day honors those who have died while in the service to our country, and rightfully so, we feel it is important to also honor all those who have served regardless of when they left this world. I thank the committee members for their assistance with the flags and for their devotion to our cemetery. I also thank all the parishioners who made donations towards the purchase of the flags after the Masses on Memorial Day weekend which financially makes it possible to replace the flags for both Memorial and Veterans Day. Unfortunately, the only way we know who our veterans were is by finding either a veteran's flag holder or a military plaque. As always, should you have any questions or concerns, contact our Cemetery Administrator, Len Dornberger, at 302-674-5787 x135

CHRIST THE KING (NOV 20) FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel choose David as their king.

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:12-20

The Son holds all things in unity and reconciles everything in heaven and everything on earth.

GOSPEL: LUKE 23:35-43

Jesus promises the gift of the kingdom to the criminal who believes in him.

SAMARITANS

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and our Samaritans will be making Thanksgiving baskets for those in need. We could use frozen turkeys that can be dropped off in the freezer at the Samaritan door. We could also use canned vegetables, jello, instant mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, applesauce, and other items to assist in making up these basket. Of course, we can always use soups, peanut butter and jelly.

SODALITY (HC)

The next Sodality meeting will take place on Sunday, November 13, at 12:30 pm on the second floor of the Early Learning Center. New members are always welcome. Stop by to see what we have to offer.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!! Get away for an intimate weekend – no group sharing required. We would love more couples to attend the next weekend. For information or to register, visit our website <http://www.wvme.org> or call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

NEW YORK TENORS ARE COMING TO WILMINGTON!

The Diocese of Wilmington will present The Magic of Christmas with the world-famous New York Tenors at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11, at Salesianum High School in Wilmington. Event proceeds will support the work of Catholic Charities.

The public is invited to experience memorable music, moments and magic through the vocal artistry of the New York Tenors, Andy Cooney, Daniel Rodriguez and Christopher Macchio, as they take audiences on a truly entertaining holiday journey.

A meet-and-greet with Wilmington's Bishop William E. Koenig and the New York Tenors will be held after the show. For show tickets, sponsorship information, and meet-and-greet tickets, contact Andrea Rotsch at 302-573-3120 or arotsch@cdow.org. Tickets may be purchased online at WilmingtonDiocese.simpletix.com.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

What's the number one enemy of love? According to relationship coach, Gary Smalley, it's unresolved anger. Since you can't guarantee you'll never feel angry, it's best to work on the other end – resolving it constructively and lovingly.

MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER

14 MONDAY
HC 8:00 am DM Trazona Family

15 TUESDAY
HC 8:00 am Janet Dyba

16 WEDNESDAY
HC 8:00 am Bill Tedeman

17 THURSDAY
HC 8:00 am Cynthia Hinkle
ICC 6:00 pm For the People

18 FRIDAY
HC 8:00 am DM Tedeman Family

19 SATURDAY
HC 8 am Adam J. Daniel
HC 5 pm Gene Northcutt

20 SUNDAY
HC 7:30 am George E. Wilson
ICC 8:30 am Barbara Thompson
HC 9:30 am Susan Bresnahan
ICC 11 am Martha Haas
HC 11:30 am Gene Knapp
ICC 1 pm For the People

(LI—LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

What works for you?

PARENT POINTERS

“There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place.” (Luke 21:11) Sometimes scripture sounds like it is being written for our times. It can be scary for kids. One antidote is to let your children see you acting to relieve the suffering of others. Include them when possible.

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on World Marriage Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 1 pm at Saint Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, Delaware. The Mass coincides with National Marriage Week, February 7 through 12. For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage and Family Life 302-295-0657 or egaus@cdow.org

HOLY CROSS NOV 19/20, 2022

	EMHC		SERVERS
5:00 PM	D. Darling L. Darling	F. Ernst P. Gerard	A. Cposta E. Costa M. Costa
			LECTORS D. Kiby F. Urick
7:30 AM	J. Davis T. Dinan	A. Fischer J. Fischer	B. Gyamfi E. Gyamfi S. Shevock
			LECTORS K. Meire
9:30 AM	K. Kelly S. Lascano	D. McGinnis L. Olmstead	J. Beugre C. Beugre K. Fernandez
			LECTORS T. Baurys J. Coffield
11:30 AM	T. Hernandez E. Pastoriza	M. Richard	K. Espinosa C. Geronimo
			LECTORS A. Luna
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8:30 AM	J. Tormey, Jr.		LECTORS B. Thompson
11:00 AM	B. Vanvessan		LECTORS L. Soule
1:00 PM	To be determined		

If you missed the training and would like to still help with being an EMHC to the sick and home-bound or at Mass, please call the Parish Office so we can start preparing for another training session.

Lectors are also needed. Call the Parish Office if interested in this ministry. Thank you.

Altar servers are always needed, too. Call the Parish Office and we can start our list for the next training session.

We appreciate all those who volunteer to help out in these various ministries!!

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	6 am, 4 pm, 5 pm, 8 pm
TUESDAY	6 am, 12 Noon, 8 pm
FRIDAY	1 pm
SATURDAY	12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

SWITCH TO eGIVING (HC)

Looking for a good stewardship habit? Try eGiving – it streamlines your generosity and lets you do even more to help Church of the Holy Cross grow our ministries that share the Good News of God’s love. You can make the switch today! Signing up is easy from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and you can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting Faith.Direct/DE251. ‘Enroll’ to (Text-to-Give Number). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our condolences to the families of those who recently passed:

- *Kylen Pearsall*
Hope Melvin
Janet Marinucci

NEWLY BAPTIZED (HC)

Congratulations to our newly baptized members:

- *Amelia Zoé Rios*
Noah Ismael Betancourt Robles
Carly Alejandra Landry Robles

NEWEST MEMBERS

We welcome our newly registered parishioner

- *Timothy and Maureen Curtis*
- *Robert and Erin Barrett*
- *Ozajide, Michelle, Damiloza and Durotimi Akimzlade*
- *Ronald and Beth Baron*
- *Rene, Arisbeth, Noah and Samantha Betancourt Robles*
- *Katherine Soto and Omar and Amelia Rios*
- *Veronica Rodriguez Valencia and Jacob Estrada Rodriguez*
- *Jason, Erika, Ema and Alexander Holcomb*

- El Foro Cristiano todos los viernes de 6:00 – 8:00 de la tarde en el salón Mateo/Marcos. hasta el 2 de junio tendremos la formación es para toda la familia. Este año el curso será sobre Signos, símbolos, sacramentos y sacramentales.
- Ministerio de Arte y Ambientación invita a que te una a ellos. Dios nos ha dado a cada uno talentos para que lo usemos al su mayor gloria y para el bien común, donar tu tiempo y ayudar a tu parroquia es algo gratificante y descubrirás todos los talentos que el Señor te ha dado, compartirás momentos agradables, aprenderás del otro y enseñaras a otros, es importante recordar y necesario que sigas el horario y directrices del Ministerio de Arte y Ambientación que es para decorar, limpiar, y ambientar nuestro templo para las celebraciones litúrgicas. Anótese con la Sra. Arline Dosman.
- Si usted desea colaborar con algo o desea participar con las celebraciones en honor a la virgen de Guadalupe anótese o hable con las Sras., Marta Espinosa, Mireya Rodríguez, Lina Mejía o llame a la oficina parroquial. El día domingo, 11 de diciembre de 10 de la noche en adelante tendremos las mañanitas y el Santo Rosario Infantil. El día lunes, 12 la santa Misa a las 7:00 de la noche, seguida por la procesión al gimnasio donde tendremos la cena y serenatas a nuestra virgen de Guadalupe. Póngalo en su calendario y celebremos a nuestra Madre.
- Si usted desea tomar una Posada por favor de anotarse . Se les pide que se unan por vecindario para tomar una Posada o por familias. Las Posadas

son del 16 al 23 de diciembre.

- 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

ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

- Las Clases de Educación Religiosa son los domingos por la mañana, continuaran hasta el 7 de mayo, de 9:40 a 10:50 a.m. Póngase en contacto con Alicia Poppiti @ 410-482-8939 o dre@iccmmarydel.org para obtener más información. Las inscripciones ya están disponibles.
- No habrá Clases de Educacion Religiosa el 27 de noviembre de 2022 debido a las festividades de Accion de Gracias.

PRIMERA RECONCILIACION

5 Sesión para niños es el martes 29 de noviembre, a las 6:30pm en el salón, la clase termina a las 7:30pm . Se su hijo no está inscrito por favor comuníquese con la Sra. Alicia Poppiti

CONFIRMACION DE JOVENE

Primera Sesión es hoy domingo, 20 de Noviembre . a las 2:30pm en el salón, si su hijo no está inscrito comuníquese con la Sra. Alicia Poppiti.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Next class is 11/20/22 at 3:00—5:00 pm. Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Registration forms available at <https://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation> If you have any questions contact Tammy Korosec Early L either 302-674-5787 x122 or tkorosec@holycrossdover.org *****

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)

Next class December 4 at 10:30 am in the Matthew/Mark Room in the Early Learning Center. Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF? Contact Tammy Korosec.

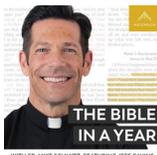
ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES (HC)

Date Change

Advent is right around the corner! Holy Cross is offering the class Advent: Preparing for Christ Cycle A. Classes will be held on Tuesdays at 9:00am or 7:00pm beginning **November 22nd** in the Matthew/Mark Room in the Parish Office. The class is free, there will not be a workbook provided.

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR (ONLINE)

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>

CONFIRMATION AT HOLY CROSS

Confirmation Retreat -

Please pray for our teens and leaders this weekend as they continue their faith journey.

Confirmation Class -

Our next class takes place on Sunday, December 11 and Wednesday, December 14.

Youth Group -

All junior and senior high teens are invited to youth group. November 26 from 3-4:30 pm in the School Cafeteria - we will be making tie blankets for the children at Shepherds Place. Please bring fabric scissors if you have them.

December 3 - Cookie Baking

From 9 am to noon. Please come help bake cookies for the Samaritan Food Baskets for Christmas. Bring a friend - we have many dozen to bake - all hand welcome and needed. Cleared adults are welcome to come assist.

SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Religious Education classes run Sunday mornings until May 7th, 9:40am-10:50am. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Alicia Poppiti @410-482-8939 or dre@iccmaryladel.org for more information. If you have any difficulty with affording RE, please call Alicia Poppiti, and the office can assist you.

First Reconciliation Immaculate Conception:

Session 4 for children is on Tuesday, November 15th beginning promptly at 6:30pm in the Church Hall, class ends at 7:30pm. If your child is not registered, please contact Alicia Poppiti, 410-482-8939

Youth Confirmation for Immaculate Conception:

Second Session is Sunday, November 20, at 2:30-5pm in the Parish hall. If your youth is not registered, please contact Alicia Poppiti, 410-482-8939.

An Open Letter To Prospective Families Seeking Catholic Education For Their Children

Dear Parents and Guardians of Prospective Students of HCS.

I offer warm greetings to you on behalf of our faculty, staff, and student body. Your interest in Holy Cross and Catholic education is highly commendable and greatly appreciated.

With regard to the academic year and calendar we find ourselves in the midst of the enrollment season. Your inquiry into a Catholic education at Holy Cross is perfectly timed. It is indeed a privilege to provide you with all the necessary information in assisting you with your decision.

Our deeply rooted faculty is dedicated to providing our students with the finest quality Catholic education; one in which begins at the tender age of three years. At the end of their eighth -grade year our graduates are fully prepared to transition into high school possessing a solid foundation in all academic areas.

I would like to take you on a *print-based* tour of our school in anticipation of our in-person meeting which can be scheduled by calling Mrs. Teresa Arndt at 302-674-5787, ext. 111.

Let us begin in the Elementary Building where we have grades one through five. The day begins at 8:00 am with schoolwide prayer, a recitation of our school mission statement and the Pledge of Allegiance. The instructional portion of the day beginning at 8:07. In the elementary building the day generally begins with ELA, or Math depending upon the grade level. You will see the elementary Science Lab on the second floor where grades four and five reside, the Robotics/Engineering Lab, along with our fully equipped Music room. This is where our Drum Line, Marching Band, and Choirs meet, along with grades Pre-K through grade 5 for general music instruction.

Exiting the elementary building we will take a quick tour of our gymnasium. Our students love our gym! It is home to all our sports teams; school sports begin in sixth grade. We offer volley-ball for girls in the fall along with boys' soccer. Last week I watched our girls play a tough match where the score teeter-tottered back and forth by one point until the final whistle. Our girls played with great determination and demonstrated great skill in the competition. Your daughter might consider volleyball when she comes here next year? We also offer basketball in the winter, along with spring soccer.

We can continue into the ELC if you have younger children who might be in Pre-K or Kindergarten. The ELC is also where you will meet Mrs. Kolakowski, our full-time registered school nurse. As we venture down the hallway, we will meet the classroom teachers and you will have the opportunity to see our youngest Crusaders doing what they enjoy most--learning!

Our print-based tour continues on to our Junior High Building where we will have the opportunity to visit the school Chapel, the Art Room, the fully-outfitted Science Lab, the Technology Lab, Library, and the classrooms. We will visit our church where the children gather for weekly Mass and prayer services in accordance with the Liturgical Calendar.

I will look forward to discussing our curriculum in grades Pre-K3 through grade eight as your child's need might dictate, our extra-curricular offerings, our standardized test scores, our lunch program, along with the Before and After-Care services offered to help accommodate the family's schedule. And yes, we still teach cursive handwriting. We will also include in our discussion the pathways selected by our graduates, and their successful transition into the world of high school. Their successful high school transition and preparation for that big step begins during their foundational years in the Early Learning Center. Like you, we take the education of our students most seriously.

I can assure you that when you place the mind, body, and spirit of your child into the hands of Holy Cross School, you will have made the best decision for and sound financial investment into their future that you can possibly make for them at this time. Tuition assistance and the window of opportunity for application is another topic open for discussion during our in-person tour.

Once again, I thank you for your inquiry into HCS. I have been told time and time again by people just like you seeking to learn about HCS; our reputation in the community is excellent! On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students of Holy Cross I extend the invitation to come and see for yourselves the wonderful opportunity afforded by a traditional Catholic education because:

Holy Cross School provides an academically rich, faith-filled environment thus ensuring a Catholic values-based education. At Holy Cross we strive to convey a sense of justice, peace, compassion, and respect for all God's creation.

T'is the season! It is enrollment time at Holy Cross. I am so excited about the prospect of meeting you and sharing all the good that lies in Catholic education.

our God... then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed." This "preparing the way" is still seen today, when a King is welcomed by his people, and a carpet (usually red) or train is laid out long and straight for him to walk on, as he come into an assembly to greet his people. Christ is being welcomed like a king walking into a temple, his path straight and smooth. So, in Advent, we await Christ, as a King — as our King— coming into the world.

The Season of Christmas. During the Christmas season, we note that *"Hark, the herald angels sing / glory to the newborn king."* While not everyone anticipated the Messiah coming as our new-born king, in a manger in Bethlehem, four kings certainly seem to realize it. You might be saying now, *"No not four king — three kings realized Christ was king: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazaar — the Magi."* And yes, those three king (aka three Wisemen, Three Magi) did recognize Christ as King. As it said in St. Matthew's Gospel 2:2, *"[B]ehold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage'"* And yes, these Three Kings brought gifts the new-born King; gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The King against the King. But there was a fourth king, too. In St. Matthew's Gospel 2:3, we are told (following the proclamation of the Three Kings), *"When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him."* Yes, King Herod recognized that Jesus Christ was a king, a new-born king, who Herod saw as a threat. He deemed him as so much of a threat, that he set him henchmen out to find the child, and kill him. King Herod got a lot wrong, but he did recognize that a new born king was coming into the world. And so do we. And Christmas season is that season that recognizes that our Lord, our Savior, and our King — God incarnate — has been born of the Virgin Mary.

It's a Date. Thus, in Christmas season we do the following in that kingly recognition:

- On Christmas Day we celebrate the new born King.
- On December 26, we celebrate the feast of St. Stephen, the first martyr, who was killed in service to the King.
- On December 28, we recall the Holy Innocents slain by an arrogant earthly leader, Herod, who rather than embracing the new born King —the Messiah — saw him as trampling on his turf.
- On January 6, Epiphany, we recall the Three Kings coming from the East who prostrated themselves before Jesus Christ the King, and regaled him with gifts fit for a king.
- Then later, on February 2, at the traditional end of the Christmas season, on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Simeon confirms Herod's fears and God's promises, when he tells Mary that *"this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel."*

In all of this we acclaim in faith: Yes, this was and is the newborn king.

Note: This column on Christ the King will continue in next week's bulletin, when we start by looking at the recognition of Christ's Kingship in Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time, and then examine the uniqueness, beauty, and radical nature of the Kingship of Christ.

Yours in Christ,
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