



# CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

November 14, 2021

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

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

### ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am—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



## 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And then they will see  
'the Son of Man coming in the clouds'  
with great power and glory...

Matthew 13:26



### 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 2022 (HC)

The **Mass Book for 2022 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, 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)

October 31, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$29,518	\$26,000	\$3,518
YTD	\$455,531	\$439,300	(\$9,769)
Needs	\$1,885	\$1,480	\$405

## WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending October 31, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$4,007
2nd	\$125

For Holy Cross, you can also Sign up for Faith Direct or call the office to leave your name and phone number if you wish to make your contribution by a credit card.

We appreciate your generosity to the church.

Dear Parishioners,

Last week, in reflecting on November being the month of All Saints and All Souls, I wrote about the “three states” of the Church: The Church on Earth (the Church Militant, us), the Church in Heaven (the Church Triumphant, the saints) and the Church in Purgatory (the Church Suffering, the poor souls). This week I focus specifically on the Church Triumphant — the Church in Heaven!

**Imagine This.** You know, Heaven gets an odd read in our world — we very much anthropomorphize heaven, and diminish it in faint praise and weak analogy. In his 1974 hit song “Take Me Home Country Roads,” singer John Denver famously sang in the opening line, “Almost heaven, West Virginia.” With due respect to anyone from West Virginia, this sets the bar of our expectation of heaven pretty darn low. About 10 years later singer Belinda Carlisle sang, “We’ll make heaven a place on Earth.” And the late John Lennon dismissed the whole concept of Heaven, in his lamentable song “Imagine,” singing, “Imagine there’s no heaven / it’s easy if you try / no hell below us / above us only sky.” I wouldn’t want to imagine that; no Christian would or should. The image in the song “Imagine” is not a dream, it is a nightmare.

**Heaven as Earth? But even the faithful make Heaven pedestrian,** when they say things about deceased family members like: “I bet Uncle Louie and cousin Frankie are up there playing cards.” This is a sweet and humorous thought from an earthly perspective... and is harmless in and of itself. But if we take that imagery seriously we go down a bad road, because it is taking the Kingdom of God turning it into a replica of the Earthly realm. And it is not. Such imagery may give us comfort, but it shortchanges us in our intellectual and spiritual understanding of God’s kingdom. So, in faith we need to understand the Church Triumphant with good theology, trust in faith, and aspirations of sainthood. And I want to use this column to explore the Church Triumphant — the home of God’s faithful in Heaven.

**Get Closer!** In our Catholic faith, we strive to draw closer to God — and the saints in Heaven have done just that: they have drawn as close to God as one could hope to hope. These men and women are assembled around the throne of God, in praise and worship, and abound eternal happiness. So often in life, we ask the young “What do you want to be when you grow up?” The saints answer a variant of that question telling us what we want to be when we go up (to Heaven, that is).

**Why We Honor the Saints.** Sadly, some denominations of Christianity have shunned the veneration of saints — and negatively critique the Catholic faith for having it. They say it is just an ancient tradition that distracts from God and can look like one is wor-

shipping someone other than God. And they’d be right if they were right, but they are wrong. We don’t worship saints. This tradition we have of remembering the lives of the saints isn’t the worshiping of ashes, it is the preservation of fire. The lives of the saints show us the power of a life built on a heart that burns and yearns to serve God. Honoring these men and women of the Church Triumphant is important, as it puts a human face on our heavenly aspirations: these men and women made the journey that we hope to make from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant, most likely with a layover in the Church Suffering.

**The Church Triumphant Defined.** The Council of Trent declared in 1563: *“The Church triumphant is that most glorious and happy assemblage of blessed spirits, and of those who have triumphed over the world, the flesh, and the iniquity of Satan, and are now exempt and safe from the troubles of this life and enjoy everlasting bliss.”* Those blessed spirits referred to are not the latest offering from the local liquor store — no they are the Saints. So, if some asks where do the saints reside, the answer isn’t New Orleans (sorry NFL fans), it is in the Church Triumphant. The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes it this way: *“This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity - this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed - is called ‘heaven.’ Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness.”*

**What Does one Do in Heaven?** According to Revelation 7:15-17, *“[T]hey stand before God’s throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”* Maybe a simpler way of putting this is, together with all the faithful we will be at one, and at peace with God and living with the sense of complete fulfillment and bliss. I remember telling this to a student once, who said, “That sounds boring.” But it is not, it is the perfection and fulfillment we get small tastes of in this life, but which is the substance of the next life. As for that students implicit question: Does it get boring? Well, to quote the Bee Gees from 1979: *“Nobody gets too much heaven.”*

**Of Saints and saints.** So the saint enjoy the bliss of Heaven... but as comedian Jerry Seinfeld might ask, “Who are these people?” Well, the Saints in heaven that we best know of are those who have been canonized by the Church under the charism of infallibility of the Holy Father (St. Theresa of Avila,

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## HC & ICC CLERGY

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

## HC CLERGY

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

## ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell	Deacon
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## HC STAFF

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Arline Dosman	Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. 118
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## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Catholic Education Pre-K3 to Grade 8  
302 674 5787  
holycrossover.org/school

Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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## MAILING ADDRESS

*Holy Cross School*  
631 S. State St.  
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## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Your spouse may not always act like a saint. None of us do, but I bet you can find a saintly quality if you pay attention. Is he or she generous, humble, self-sacrificing, courageous...? Celebrate the saint you are living with today.

## PARENTING POINTERS

Time can be tricky. In many countries Daylight Saving Time just ended today. That means you gained an hour. What will your family do with one extra hour? Choose some fun (maybe new) thing to do together.

## SVDP MEETING (IC)

St. Vincent de Paul meeting will meet from now on in the office building every month on the 2nd Monday of the month at 5 pm.

## PRAYER SHAWL GROUP (IC)

We meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at 11 AM in the ICC Parish Hall. Knitters & crocheters Welcome. Questions call Karen Cairns 302-382-9316

## READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 21 CHRIST THE KING

FIRST READING: DANIEL 7:13-14

Daniel's vision is one in which God conquers over all that is evil, cruel and abusive, and restores the triumph of goodness.

SECOND READING: REVELATION 1:5-8

The word "apocalypse" may suggest drama, horror, vengeance and violent upheaval. But John's vision is one in which the enemies of God's purposes will be confounded, not by being overthrown but by realizing the immensity of God's love.

GOSPEL: JOHN 18:33-37

Jesus comes face to face with the greatest power in the world, with nothing but the weapon of truth as his protection. Salvation is accomplished by one who looks like a failure, but even the great empire of Rome cannot overcome the love and mercy of God.

## SECULAR DISCALCED CARMELITES

Is God calling you to a deeper prayer life and relationship with Him? The Secular Discalced Carmelites (OCDS) may be for you. We are a Catholic lay order of men and women undertaking to live an evangelical life of fraternity and contemplative prayer, according to the Carmelite Saints. We meet in NEWARK, DE on the 3rd Saturday of each month. To learn more, please contact ThirdOrderCarmelitesofDE@yahoo.com.

## CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, November 13th, we will learn about the Rachel's Vineyard Catholic retreat for those who have suffered due to abortion, when Ms. Nan Freeman is the guest. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum), or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [facebook.com/CatholicForum](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum).

## VOCATIONS

Please pray for Vocations. Vocation Awareness Week is November 7–13. All too often we forget to express appreciation to those in service-oriented jobs, including priests, sisters and brothers. We forget because we think, "It's their job to help." Priests and religious aren't superhuman. They need genuine support from those they serve. Let them know how you feel.

## RECENTLY DECEASED (HC)

Please pray for the souls of our recently deceased parishioners:

- *Joseph M. Bruno*
- *Francis Angel*
- *Cynthia French*
- *Joseph Ames*
- *Castrenze Bonanno*



May the souls of the Faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

## NEW PARISHIONERS (HC)

Welcome to our newly registered parishioners:

- Monue Nayou-Vaye, Spencer Vaye, and Rachel Vaye
- Maria Garcia Lopez, Jose Oviedo Torres, Osmar Oviedo Garcia, and Fernando Oviedo Garcia
- Mark. Suzi and Elizabeth Wojtkiewicz

## MASS INTENTIONS

### NOVEMBER

#### 15 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am Lida Smith

#### 16 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Ronald Hill

#### 17 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am Sarah Fillat

#### 18 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Maximo Chao, Sr.  
ICC 6 pm For the People

#### 19 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Lida Smith

#### 20 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Dr. Robert Scacheri (LOI)  
HC 5 pm Joseph Canonica

#### 21 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Lida Smith  
ICC 8:30 am Msgr. Joseph Rebman  
HC 9:30 am Susanne Bresnahan  
ICC 11 am Margaret "Peggy" O'Meara  
HC 11:30 am Matthew & Mary Seben  
ICC 1 pm For the People

(LI = LIVING INTENTION

DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (IC)

Soup and Silent Auction at Immaculate Conception in Marydel  
Sunday Nov. 28, 2021  
9:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
Soups \$5 per container  
\$1 Donuts and Coffee for Early Birds

## MINISTRY OF BLACK CATHOLICS

You are invited to the St. Martin de Porres Celebration Mass sponsored by The Ministry for Black Catholics on Sunday, November 7th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Helena Catholic Church, 602 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington, Delaware. The Main Celebrant will be Bishop William Koenig. Music will be provided by St. Helena's Church Choir & The Wilmington Diocese Gospel Choir.

HOLY CROSS

EMHC

SERVERS

5:00 PM C. Helwig L. Darling A. Costa  
M. Casey F. Ernst M. Costa  
D. Darling

LECTORS

J. Davis

7:30 AM R. O'Neill J. Davis  
M. Thompson A. Fischer  
C. Brown

LECTORS

J. Davis

9:30 AM K. Kelly V. Pepper A. Torbert  
J. McIlvain G. Richard B. Torbert  
L. Olmsted

LECTORS

S. Ford

11:30 AM M. Ramirez A. Luna C. Costes  
E. Vincente E. Cortes  
K. Espinosa

LECTORS

N. Almengor

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM S. Bell

LECTORS

J. Thompson, Jr.

11:00 AM J. Carrow

LECTORS

A. Meyer

1:00 PM

LECTORS

- Attention Holy Cross liturgical ministers: If you have not responded to our request to send in updated information on which ministry you are involved with, your name, contact information, and your ministry you are involved with, please do so now so we can get you on our next schedule. If we don't hear from you, we cannot place you on the schedule. Contact M. Dornberger at 674-5787, ext 116, or email mdornberger@holycrossdover.org

WANTED—PICKUP TRUCK (HC)

Holy Cross Parish is in need of a used pick up truck for our maintenance department. Our current pick up has died and is beyond repair. If you have, or know of someone who would like to donate a used pickup that is in good condition to the parish, please contact the Parish Office, extension 113. Thank you for your consideration.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

The Adoration Chapel is open again each day from 5 am to 9 pm. If you would like to take a permanent time slot, it's not too late. We still have many openings on various days. See the openings listed below. Call Joann Pate today at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you and/or your family.

SUNDAY 7 am, 10 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 4 pm, 5 pm

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY 2 pm

FRIDAY 8 am, 11 am,

SATURDAY 5 am, 8 am, 10 am, 11 am, 2 pm, 7 pm

LIHEAP APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE

Catholic Charities is taking applications for the **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program** (LIHEAP) for the upcoming heating season. This federally-funded program assists low-income Delawareans with heating bills through direct payments to home energy suppliers. The benefit is based on a household's income, size, and type of fuel.

In order to qualify, you must make an appointment with Catholic Charities. Call your local Catholic Charities office. Regular office hours are 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. In Kent County, call 302-674-1782.

SAMARITAN NEEDS DONATIONS OF FOOD

Please help our Samaritans this Thanksgiving season by donating some items that can be used in the Thanksgiving baskets. All nonperishable items can be left on the table by the Samaritan door. We can use canned vegetables, yams, instant potatoes, soups, jello, cranberry sauce, stuffing, juices, etc. Frozen turkeys can be left freezers in that area as well. Thank you for your generosity.

## NUESTRA FAMILIA HISPANIC

- El Ministerio de Arte y Ambientación se reunirá el viernes, 26 de noviembre, a las 5:00 pm para limpiar y ambientar el templo para el adviento. Si alguno quisiera ayudar esta bienvenido.
- Si usted está interesado en participar y compartir sus talentos como lector, música, ujier, ministros Extraordinario de la Comunión, Arte y Ambientación, dar Clases Pre-bautismales. Por favor llame a la oficina al 302-674-5787 ext. 118
- Nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a todos los que participaron y cooperaron para que el evento del lavado de carro fuera todo un éxito. En la unión esta la fuerza ambas parroquias trabajaron conjuntamente por un mismo objetivo y se logró.
- **Symbolon Explicación** de la fe católica: conocimiento de la fe. Estamos ofreciendo una serie de videos / libros de estudio una vez más El costo es de \$ 25 para el libro del participante Parte 1. **En español en la parroquia de la Santa Cruz. Con el padre Oscar y la Sra. Arline.** Todos los viernes a las 6:00 – 8:00 PM de la tarde el ELC. Si está interesado hable con la Sra. Arline. **En ingles en la parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción con la Sra. Alicia.** Todos los lunes a las 7:00P.M.
- **Camino a una iglesia Sinodal:** el pasado domingo 17 de octubre el Señor obispo Koenig dio Apertura al proceso de la primera fase del Pre-Sínodo "Caminando Juntos" El Sínodo es una invitación para que cada diócesis se embarque en un camino de profunda renovación inspirada por la gracia del Espíritu de Dios. Como se indica en el Documento. Preparatorio, el Sínodo se plantea una cuestión principal: ¿Cómo se realiza hoy en nuestra Iglesia el "caminar juntos" en la sinodalidad? ¿Qué pasos nos invita a dar el Espíritu para crecer en nuestro "caminar juntos"? El obispo Koenig nos invita a que oremos en comunidad o individualmente todos los días

- **Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus (Oración invocando al Espíritu Santo.)**

Estamos ante ti, Espíritu Santo, reunidos en tu nombre.  
Tú que eres nuestro verdadero consejero:  
ven a nosotros, apóyanos, entra en nuestros corazones.  
Enséñanos el camino, muéstranos cómo alcanzar la meta.  
Impide que perdamos el rumbo como personas débiles y pecadoras.  
No permitas que la ignorancia nos lleve por falsos caminos.  
Concédenos el don del discernimiento,  
para que no dejemos que nuestras acciones se guíen por perjuicios y falsas consideraciones. Conducenos a la unidad en ti,  
para que no nos desviemos del camino de la verdad y la justicia, sino que en nuestro peregrinaje terrenal nos esforzamos por alcanzar la vida eterna.  
Esto te lo pedimos a ti, que obras en todo tiempo y lugar,  
en comunión con el Padre y el Hijo por los siglos de los siglos. Amén

## EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA (IC)

- Adolescentes en Preparación para la Confirmación la próxima sesión será domingo, 14 de noviembre a las 2:30 de la tarde a 5:00 PM en el salón.
- Primera Reconciliación nuestra próxima sesión será el martes 16 de noviembre.
- Formación de Adultos: Si usted está interesado en algún curso de formación para adultos, o ha oído de algún curso que sea de su interés por favor llame a la oficina.
- Te Necesitamos: ¡Catequistas para este año! Necesitamos catequista para el quinto grado y asistentes a catequistas. Si está interesado hable con la Sra. Alicia. Si lo está pensado esto puede ser su llamado.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Regular Class – November 21 at 3:30pm

- Children are to be dropped off at the double doors next to the Elementary office.
- 7th and 8th graders are in the Holy Cross Junior High building.
- No one except students and volunteers are allowed to enter either building.
- MASKS ARE MANDATORY.
- Hall monitors will assist getting children to their classes.

Dismissal from the ramp side will be as follows:

- Grades 5, 6, 7, 8 and Sacramental Prep – 5:15pm
- Grades K-1 -5:20pm
- Grades 2- 5:25pm
- Grades 3-4 5:30pm

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

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Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

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### LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)

Class – November 14th 10:30am-12:30pm in the Matthew/Mark Room;

Next class Dec. 12th..

Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF, please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

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### ADULT EDUCATION (Corrected Information)

Advent is around the corner! Holy Cross is offering the class Advent: Preparing for Christ Cycle C. Classes will be held on Tuesdays at 9 am or 7 pm in the Matthew/Mark room in the Early Learning Center upstairs. Classes will be begin on November 30, 2021. There will be a \$17 for the workbook that accompanies the class.

If you are interested in attending, please register by either emailing Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or calling (302) 674-5787 X 122. Please register by November 15th.

## YOUTH AT HOLY CROSS

Next Confirmation Classes will be Sunday November 21 for Sunday Class and November 17 for Wednesday Class.

our last class until January

**Youth Choir**—If you are interested in assisting with music at the 5 pm Saturday Mass on the third Saturday of the month, please contact the Parish Office. We are in need of singers, percussion, piano and guitars. Rehearsal is each Tuesday evening at 6:30 in the choir room.

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (IC)

### Sacraments:

**1st Reconciliation Prep** -Our next session is on Tuesday, November 16.

**Youth Confirmation Prep:** Next session on Sunday, November 14th at 2:30-5pm in the hall

### Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained-Knowing the Faith

You can still sign up if you are interested, please contact Alicia Poppiti to register. The cost is \$25 for Part 1.Presented in the Hall at ICC on Monday evenings beginning September 27th @ 7pm. Come join us, its not too late.

We are offering a video/study book series once again, for 10 Sessions that extend to approximately a 12-week time frame.

In Part 1 we journey through the core teachings of the Catholic Church traced out in the Creed and Catechism with the goal of knowing the Faith. In Part 2, we focus on our encounter with God in the sacraments and the moral life so that we can be fully living the Faith.” We will start up with Part 2 after the first of the year.

**Adult Formation:** If there is a course or series you have heard of and have interest in, please call the office and let Alicia Poppiti know. We would be happy to offer more courses for adults in our parish.

**WE NEED YOU:** Catechists are still needed for this year! Needed for 5th grade, assistants, and substitutes. Please inquire with Mrs. Poppiti if interested or if you want more information. Thank you.

One of the best things about having amassed the number of years at HCS is the friendships formed over time. It remains commonplace that I hear from a former student by an email update on current success stories, career placement, or perhaps it might just be an ordinary greeting to say hello and have a nice day. Of course, I appreciate most those who have children who they wish to enroll in HC so their learning experience might be replicated in their child(ren). It's a wonderful thing, friendship. Many long-lasting friendships have been formed between students/graduates who, even in adulthood trace the roots of their relationships back to the classrooms of HCS. The closeness of a friend makes certain aspects of life easier, or more fun, more fulfilling because there is a richness in a lasting friendship that cannot be procured through a purchase. It is given over freely, and accepted without condition. Friendship is a gift. The school setting is fertile ground for the beginnings of an understanding of friendship. Friendships in children are often formed through the discovery of a shared interest. This discovery frequently occurs through interactive play. The concept of a "best friend" is acquired at an early age.

At the age of three our littles learn daily the value of a friendship with Jesus. That lesson follows them throughout the grades. They learn the special significance of prayer. It is a goal of each four-year old to commit to memory the Guardian Angel prayer. Each year we have a special prayer to focus upon which is compatible to the diocesan theme for the year. The best thing about that is that our students are learning their prayers! Over the years we have prayed The Apostle's Creed, The Beatitudes, The Morning Offering, and this year we are praying the Prayer of St. Francis. We incorporate these prayers into our daily morning prayers which also includes a recitation of our school mission statement and the Pledge of Allegiance, ending with God Bless America!

It is also at the early age that a more abstract concept of friendship is taught. That would be the friends we have in the saints. Mrs. McGowan happily refers to the saints as God's super-heroes. What little one doesn't get the idea of a super-hero?

*Companions on the Journey*; the theme for this school year teaches us that we don't navigate this life alone. With a focus on the Spiritual Works of Mercy. For the months of November and December the Spiritual Work of Mercy is *Admonish the Sinner*. --The underlying lesson being to Stand Up for What Jesus Teaches. To recognize the right from the wrong. The scriptural focus is on The Parable of the Lost Sheep. It's an easy lesson to teach, and an easy lesson for children of all ages to conceptualize. I don't know how many are familiar with the art work of Frances Hook. I have long been a fan of the messages conveyed in the artist's visualizations of Jesus. She illustrates Him exactly in the manner that I see Him. I have two particular favorites. The first is Jesus with the Children. Jesus cradles the face of a child in His hands in a way that melts my heart every single time. Another favorite depicts Jesus with a sheep who had gone astray. The sheep lovingly rests on His shoulders on the way back to the flock. I love her works; I recommend them to you.

It was sometime back in July when I received a text message from Mrs. McGowan. She had already begun preparing for the theme and the ways she would present it to her four-year-old Crusaders. She had found a magazine article titled *Spiritual Works of Mercy: Let the Saints be Your Guide*. Very excited, she couldn't wait to share. In the reading were saints designated and symbolized for each Spiritual Work of Mercy. She shared with me the saints she had selected as those with whom her students might be able to identify with easily.

I always enjoy sharing with our readers that which is happening inside the four walls of our classrooms. It's so important, especially now, that we let our families know what happens between the drop-off and dismissal of our children.

Our song for this year was written by Carey Landry. I was fortunate enough to attend a weekend seminar that he conducted on bringing church music into the classroom. It was many years ago, the seminar was set in a small town in Western Maryland, if I recall. Carey Landry is an American composer of Catholic liturgical music. Among his compositions are "Abba, Father", "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman", "Only a Shadow", and a musical accompaniment to the traditional verses "Peace Is Flowing Like a River". Again, if I may recommend; his music is very moving, and often used for school masses and in the classroom. Mr. Landry is also the composer of our theme song for this year, *Companions On The Journey*. We sing this song at each Mass, it's a happy song, and like all of his others, carries a message.

**WE ARE COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY, BREAKING BREAD AND SHARING LIFE; AND IN THE LOVE WE BEAR IS THE HOPE WE SHARE FOR WE BELIEVE IN THE LOVE OF OUR GOD, WE BELIEVE IN THE LOVE OF OUR GOD.**

We teach that the saints are our companions on the journey. How many times have we called upon St. Anthony to help us find our keys, or tried so hard in life to live by the words of St. Pio of Pietrelcina as he encourages us to pray, hope, and don't worry? Who hasn't cast their prayers for a sick pet at the feet of St. Francis of Assisi?

We teach that the saints are our companions on the journey, together with our earthly friends. Their gift of friendship is priceless, and they are ever there to intercede for us; taking our prayers and needs to our Father in Heaven.

St. Thomas More, etc.), or those ancient saints who have been proclaimed from ages ago (i.e. the Apostle, St. Paul, etc.). Also in heaven, however are those vast majority of saints known only to God. Those many nameless and faceless men and women who, having done God's will in this life, find themselves before him in praise for all eternity. I like to distinguish these two groups as capital "S" Saints (those known by name) and lowercase "s" saints (those known by God, but not by us by name).

**Types of Saints.** In the Church Triumphant there are many types of saints, and they are in many categories (more than I can fit here). But these are some of the common categories of Saints that we honor for their work on Earth and their place in the Church in Heaven:

- **Apostles.** The twelve Apostles of Christ (except Judas) and the subsequent early Scriptural Apostles like Paul, Luke, Mark, Barnabas, etc.
- **Martyrs:** Those who shed blood and lost their life for their faith (e.g. St. Stephen who was stoned to death).
- **Virgins.** Women who lived lives of purity consecrating their virginity to Christ, and emulating the qualities of Mary (e.g., St. Theresa of Lisieux).
- **Virgin-Martyrs.** Women who were not simply martyrs but also lived a life of chastity or consecrated virginity for Christ (e.g., St. Maria Goretti).
- **Confessors** (Priest, Bishops Pastors) This is a category honoring those who are in Holy Orders as Priests and Bishops who lived exemplary lives conformed to Christ (e.g., Pope St. John Paul II).
- **Doctors of the Church.** Men and women whose writings and ideas constituted a body of theological or spiritual works for Mother Church (e.g., St. Thomas Aquinas).
- **Holy Men & Women.** Lay men and women, including kings and queens, who lived a life of evangelical perfection (e.g., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton).
- **Missionaries:** Those holy men and women, priest, sisters, brothers and so on who spread the Gospel to the World (e.g., St. Francis Xavier).
- **Workers with the Underprivileged.** Those who work with the poor, the sick, or the uneducated and cared for them (e.g., St. Theresa of Calcutta).
- **Founders and Foundresses.** Those who founded religious orders or societies (e.g., St. Francis Xavier Cabrini).
- **Religious.** These are those who are members of religious orders (e.g., St. Hedwig).
- **Stylites.** Those who spent their lives atop pillars as a hermits, (e.g. St. Simon the Stylite);
- **Hermits.** Those who lived intentional lives of solitude and prayer (e.g., St. Bruno);
- **Abbots and Abbesses.** Those who led Abbies for men and women religious (e.g., St. Sidonius)

**Saints by tradition (pre-Christian Saints).** These are the Saints that never encountered Christ in their life, however due to their role as patriarchs or key figure of the Old Testament they are often referred to by the title of Saint. Examples of this are: St. Malachi, St. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Ss. Adam and Eve, and a few others.

**Honoring Saints.** The members of the Church Triumphant — the Saints have been honored by the faithful since the very beginning of the Church. The practice traces back to end of the apostolic era (approximately 100A.D.). The practice developed in early Christianity as a reflection of the Jewish practice of honoring the Major Prophets and Minor Prophets, as they served God well and faithfully. It should be noted that with the exception of St. John and Mary, most all of the earliest Saints were martyrs for the faith.

All this being said, the Church on Earth is blessed by the many Saints made known to us, from the earliest days of the Church through modern times. These were the men and women who followed Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior and our God, from the Church on Earth to the Church in Heaven. They call us to follow us Christ, that one day we too may find eternal life and bliss in the Church Triumphant. God bless! *[Next column: The Church in Purgatory]*

Yours in Christ,  
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