



# CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

November 15, 2020

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-Friday, 12:10 pm also  
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day)

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

### ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am-Midnight (temporarily closed)

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm  
Friday 9 am-noon, closed Wednesday

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

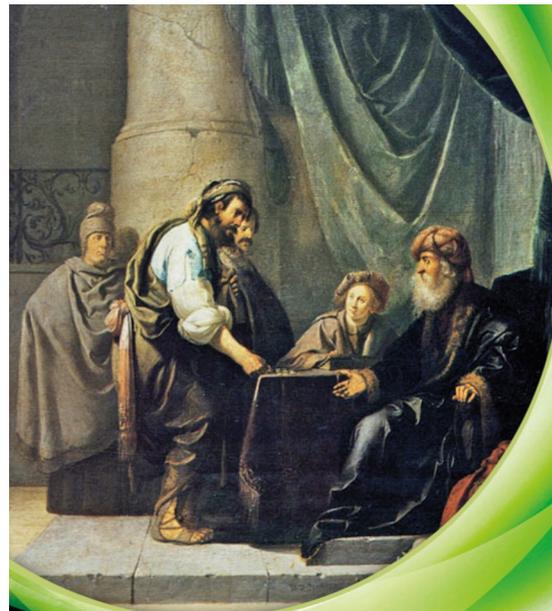
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am  
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish  
Saturday, 9 am, Spanish

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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



## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.”

*Matthew 25:21*

The Parable of the Talents by Willem de Poorter, 17th century  
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### 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*

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## RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## THIS WEEK (HC OR ICC)

Check out our websites

[holycrossover.org](http://holycrossover.org)

[iccmarylodel.org](http://iccmarylodel.org)

Holy Cross Church is unlocked and available for private prayer. The doors will be open from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday, and 7 am to 7 pm on Sunday.

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

Daily Mass at HC at 8 am Monday through Saturday. Weekend Masses at Holy Cross are Saturday evening 5 pm, Sunday at 7:30 and 9:30 am, 11:30 am Spanish.

Weekend Masses at ICC are Sunday at 8:30 and 11 am, and 1 pm Spanish. Also a 6 pm Mass Thursday and 9 am Mass on Saturday morning, both in Spanish

We are limiting access to the parish offices, so you can buzz when you stop by, or call and leave messages and we will get back to you; or, you can email us.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

November 1, 2020

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$23,058	\$27,760	(\$4,702)
YTD	\$434,282	\$498,160	(\$63,878)
Needs	\$1,452	\$1,550	(\$98)

## WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending November 1, 2020

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$3,963
Second	\$193

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs, and activities of Holy Cross and ICC are made possible.

“Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold.”

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

We will call you back . Thank you for your continued support.

Dear Parishioners,

With Thanksgiving lurking a little over a week and a half away, I want to write about giving thanks. So often, in a world we are consumed with the 24-hour news cycle giving of angst and agita, coronavirus giving us concern, and the battle of everyday life feeling occasionally insurmountable, we need to hit pause, we need to chill out, and we need to take a deep breath and see things with the eyes of faith and not the eyes of fear. In short, while realizing the troubles of life, we have to focus on the blessings of life and be thankful to God for those blessings, past, present and future.

And it needs to be sincere gratitude. Which reminds me of terrible joke I've been saving up for a homily, but I'll use it here instead: A man goes to get a loan. And he presents himself well. The loan officer, Mr. Jackson, is impressed by how professional he is, and says, "Wow! You have an amazing work history and you present yourself fantastically but you seem to be missing five years of your life on the job history part of your application, why is that?" The man, "Oh, yes, that was the five year period where I didn't work because I went to Yale" says the man. The loan officer says, "I went to Yale, too." He pointed to his diploma on the wall. The man says, "Yes, I noticed." The officer says, "Yes, I think we can help a Yale man." A half hour later, the loan officer hands the man a bank check for \$25,000 — his loan. The man took the check got up and began to leave. He showed his gratitude by saying "And thanks for the money. I appreciate it. And I appreciated my time in Yale wasn't held against me!" And as he made his way out the door he smirked and said, "Thank you for everything... time to get back to my job, Mr. Yackson."

Okay, that's an awful yoke, I mean joke.

But the guy in that story wasn't really truly thankful, he was happy that he pulled one over on someone else... and got what he wanted. But thanks cannot be limited to being given only when we get what we want. So, how should we understand true gratitude and thankfulness? Good question.

**Good God!** Bishop Fulton Sheen used to say there that are two kinds of people in our world: Those who wake up and say, "Good morning, God!" and those who say, "Good God, morning." The distinction between these two folks is that one sees God and wants to give thanks for the new day to one who gave him the new day. The other guy — and isn't this like us some of the time — says "ugh, not another day for me to get through." That second person isn't thankful, he thank-impaired as the politically-correct language folks might want to phrase it. And yet, regardless of our outlook, here comes Thanksgiving! Here comes that day when as a nation, we need to give thanks to God, with a full heart. But, sometimes when life is tough, thanks don't come easy.

**Missal Command.** When I have those moments where thanks are not easy to come by and gratitude comes at a premium, I think about the words of Christ we hear in The Roman Missal (or as some altar servers call it, "the big red book at Mass"). In the Missal, in the celebration of the Eucharist (which itself means 'thanksgiving'), during the Eucharistic Prayer, we hear about Jesus Christ giving thanks at the most difficult moments imaginable.

- In the First Eucharistic Prayer (The Roman Canon) we hear these words: *"On the day before he was to suffer he took bread in his holy and venerable*

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## HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini, V. F. Pastor  
 Rev. Mano Salla Parochial Vicar

## HC CLERGY

Msgr. Daniel McGlynn Pastor Emeritus  
 Mr. Philip Belt Deacon  
 Mr. John Harvey Deacon  
 Mr. Robert McMullen Deacon  
 Mr. Scott Peterson Deacon  
 Mr. Vincent Pisano Deacon

## ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell Deacon

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## MAILING ADDRESS

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## GIVING TREE

This Advent Season, we will NOT be offering our normal Giving Tree as we have done in years past due to the Pandemic restrictions. We will arrange our Giving Tree for you to contribute to needy families of our parish and school by donating either gift cards or monetary donations, similar to the small Samaritan tree we have had in the past. More information will come out as we get closer to Advent.

## CEMETERY NEWS

On Oct. 23rd, three angelic cherub statues were placed in the three sections of the cemetery where the remains of 207 little ones rest peacefully; these include preemies, stillborns, and some up to a few years of age. The cherubs bring a sense of heavenly warmth to these tiny graves. *We inadvertently left out the picture of the standing cherub in last week's bulletin article.* The statues were donated by Jan Walls and the rest of the Weyant family in memory of their parents. Thank you again for these cherub statues.



## DOVER COLUMBIETTES

The Dover Auxiliary Columbiettes will be selling poinsettia plants on Saturday, November 28 from 11 am to 3 pm at the K of C Columbian home, 219 Vepco Blvd., Camden. Cost is \$12 for 6" pot with 3-4 blooms or \$16 for 6" pot 5-7 blooms. Colors red, white or pink. Please pre-order by emailing dpetka1@verizon.net by November 18. Also for sale will be a cookbook of favorite recipes for \$5, and assorted masks \$5 each or 3 for \$12.

## READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 22 CHRIST THE KING

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 34:11-12, 15-17

The Lord is exasperated that those who were appointed to look after God's people have used their position for their own advantage and neglected their responsibilities; the Lord will take care of the flock from now on.

READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26, 28

Paul looks forward to the coming of Christ in glory at the end of time.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46

The trial scene, set at the end of time, reveals God's judgment on how we have responded to the needs of our fellow human beings.

## ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

Even though we are not opening the Adoration Chapel at this time, anyone who was on the normal adoration schedule is welcome to come into the church to pray during your assigned hour. The church is unlocked from 7 am to 7 pm and Our Lord is waiting for you to come spend time with Him. Our Lord is present in the tabernacle all day long and would love for you to spend time praying. It's a great way to get back into the routine of praying during your scheduled hour.

## MASS BOOK

The **Mass Book for 2021 is now open**. Due to the current restrictions of people coming to the office and the number of Masses we are currently offering, we must restrict the number of requests. Please see below:

1. We are only **opening up** the Masses for the **months of January, February, March, and April at this time**.
2. You can **request ONLY 2 Masses** at this time and payment of \$10 per Mass is required at the time of the request.
3. Requests **MUST** be left in the box provided at the front door of the ELC building. In the envelope you must **provide your name, phone number, email, maximum two requests, and your payment**. *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 at this time.*
4. You may drop off your request from **9 am through 1 pm Monday through Friday ONLY please**.
5. Requests for the Church tabernacle candle can also be made. \$10 per request. Limit one request per person. The Adoration Chapel candle request cannot be taken at this time.

**Please call the office with any questions.**

## VOCATIONS

Whether you are in eighth grade, high school or college, this is "decision time." This year is not just another year in school, but a special time in your life. This is a great opportunity to develop your gifts and talents.

So, work hard, do and be your best. Shape your own dreams and goals by using the rich talent with which the Lord has blessed

## MASS INTENTIONS

### NOVEMBER

<b>16 MONDAY</b> HC 8:00 am	Bill Tedeman
<b>17 TUESDAY</b> HC 6:30 am HC 8:00 am	Gary Seelig (LI) Cynthia Hinkle
<b>18 WEDNESDAY</b> HC 6:30 am HC 8:00 am	George Bugglin Maximo Chao, Sr.
<b>19 THURSDAY</b> HC 8:00 am ICC 6:00 pm	Belinda M. Roberts For the People
<b>20 FRIDAY</b> HC 8:00 am	Matthew & Mary Seben
<b>21 SATURDAY</b> HC 8 am HC 5 pm	Maria Giovanna Rinaldi Christopher King
<b>22 SUNDAY</b> HC 7:30 am ICC 8:30 am HC 9:30 am HC 11:30 am ICC 11 am ICC 1 pm HC 1 pm	Ciro Boza Mercado Margaret Jean Williams DM Walsh Family Suzanne Hogan Bresnahan Family Richard Reynolds For the People Mayla E. Felio

Where we do not have 6:30 or 6 pm Masses, the intentions will still be said privately by one of the priests.  
(LI = LIVING INTENTION  
DM = DECEASED MEMBERS)

you.

As you look at your future, consider a life of service in the Church. Think seriously about taking at least a part of your life and giving it to other people in the name of our Lord and through the Church. Even more than that, consider priesthood, sisterhood and the religious life. What a great contribution you could make to the world and God's people!

Have a great year in school. Do your best. Make your education have such a positive effect on you that other people in this world will benefit from you and your talent.

In the meantime, in your daily prayers, pray for your vocation.



PLEASE COME FORWARD TO HELP DISTRIBUTE HOLY COMMUNION AT THE MASS YOU ATTEND. THE PRIEST WILL INDICATE HOW MANY EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED.

Lector Schedule for November 2020

5 pm Mass (HC)

Nov 21 Fran Urick  
Nov 28 Hazel Showell

7:30 am Mass (HC)

Nov 22 Christina Cuffey  
Nov 29 Rose Pritchett

8:30 am Mass (ICC)

Nov. 22 Bill Thompson  
Nov. 29 Gerry Godfrey

9:30 am Mass (HC)

Nov 22 Suzanne Ford  
Nov 29 Chris Petka

11:00 am Mass (ICC)

Nov. 22 Donna King  
Nov. 29 Sharon Tucker

If you wish to be considered to lector, please email Diane at dbelt@holycrossdover.org so we can add you to the names of those who have already volunteered to lector. I will do so a lector schedule for December. Thank you.

DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories have been in the Parish Office for the past few months. If you would like to stop by the office to pick up your copy, please call ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it for you to pick up. Please do not just show up to pick up your copy.

HOLY CROSS CELEBRATES 150 YRS.

A book commemorating Holy Cross' 150th anniversary has been developed and is now available. A comprehensive coverage of our parish's history from 1870 to present day parish life is presented in nearly 80 beautifully designed pages. Numerous pictures, some in black & white while others are in vivid color, help to bring the material to life. Major sections include: a short biography of all our pastors since 1870, articles describing many of the important events through the years, and several more in-depth stories covering specific areas of our parish from both a historical and current perspective.

Go to HolyCrossDover.org and look under "Headings" to get a glimpse (teaser) of the book's content and to download the order form. The books are available in three levels of quality and are priced at \$9.00 (Good), \$18.00 (Very Good), and \$25.00 (Best). The variations include softback vs. hardback covers, paper type, and standard vs. premium color. Sample books can be viewed at the parish office receptionist desk. **Our second order will be placed the beginning of December.** Please consider still placing an order for one of these interesting books.

SAMARITAN FOOD NEEDS (HC)

The Samaritan Food Pantry is collecting items to help with the great demands being placed on them during this crisis. Please leave perishable items in the freezer by the Samaritan pick up door and non perishable items can be left there also. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**At this time we need the following for the Thanksgiving baskets:**

- Turkeys
  - Stuffing
  - sweet potatoes
  - canned vegetables
  - Applesauce
  - Instant potatoes
  - Cranberry sauce
  - Canned fruits
  - and other items for Thanksgiving dinner.
- Thank you.

## RETURNING TO MASS

- Attendees are to **wear a face covering (mask)** (when inside the Church ; **masks are to be worn over the nose and mouth and must be kept on during the entire Mass.**
- Pews have been marked off to accommodate social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer is available as you enter the church.
- **When receiving Holy Communion, please remember to stay socially distanced.** We encourage you to receive Holy Communion in your hand, but **if you wish to receive on the tongue, you are asked to be at the end of the Communion line.** There will be no Cup distributed at this time.

- As you leave the church, please **do not gather in the Gathering Space** or parking lot.

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

One's worth cannot be measured in money or gems. Share one comical and one serious example of each other's worth.

## PARENTING POINTERS

Tired of monitoring online schooling for your kids? Schedule a play break over Thanksgiving that doesn't involve screens. Try a family board game or take a walk in the woods together. Learn from each other and nature.

**Solemnidad de Cristo es el Rey del Universo.** El 22 de noviembre celebramos la Solemnidad de Cristo Rey del Universo. Es una de las fiestas más importantes del calendario litúrgico se concluye el año litúrgico. Fue instituida por el papa Pío XI en 1925 con su encíclica Quas primas ("En primer lugar") era para responder al creciente secularismo. Hoy más que nunca necesitamos que Cristo reine en nuestro mundo, en nuestros corazones para que tengamos paz y esperanza en este año donde estamos viviendo en una pandemia con regulaciones de aislamiento y distanciamiento, disturbios civiles, tensión racial, egocentrismo y la falta de caridad humana sabemos que al sacar a Jesús Rey del Universo" de la vida pública generaría una discordia entre los pueblos y las naciones, e incluso entre las familias. La importancia de Cristo como centro de toda la historia universal. Jesús es el alfa y el omega, el principio y el fin. Recordemos que si queremos que Jesús reine en nuestra vida, en primer lugar tenemos que conocerlo. Tener ese encuentro personal con ÉL. ¡Viva Cristo REY!

El viernes 20 de noviembre a las 7:00 de la noche habrá una clase Pre-bautismal es virtual para participar entre a Zoom y conéctese a: Meeting ID; 447 929 0772 Passcode: BAUTIZO.

**La Santa Misa durante el COVID -19** Las reglas de la pandemia siguen en vigor y todos tenemos la responsabilidad de protegernos y proteger a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo.

- Usar mascarillas cuando entra al templo durante todo el tiempo que permanezca

adentro la mascarilla debe cubrir la nariz y la boca.

- Desinfectante de manos está disponible al entrar a la iglesia.
- Distanciamiento social, los asientos están marcados para que guarde su distancia.
- Al recibir la Sagrada Comunión, recuerde mantenerse socialmente distanciado. Le recomendamos a recibir la Sagrada Comunión en su mano, pero si desea recibirla en la lengua, se le pide que esté al final de la línea de Comunión. No se distribuirá la Preciosa Sangre de Cristo en este momento.
- Al salir de la iglesia, no se reúna en el Nártex ni en el estacionamiento.
- Lavarnos las manos con frecuencia.
- Si está enfermo quédese en casa. Protejamos nuestra salud y la salud del hermano especialmente los más vulnerables.

**Las Misas dominicales Holy Cross:** Sábado: 5:00 pm Domingo: 7:30 am.-9:30 am - 11:30 am en español. Confesiones Sábado 8:30-10:00 am

**La Inmaculada Concepción:** Domingo 8:30 am, 11:00 am - 1:00 de la tarde en español

**jueves** a las 6:00 de la tarde, sábado- 9:00 a 11:00 de la mañana en español.

**Confesiones** después de la misa hasta las 11:00 am

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

**Regular Class December 6th 3:30-5:30**

Children are to be dropped off at the double doors next to the Elementary office. No one except students and volunteers are allowed to enter the building. Hall monitors will assist getting children to their classes.; Dismissal from the ramp side will be as follows: Upstairs Grades 6-8 and sacramental prep 5:15; Down stairs (a teacher or assistant will escort to the ramp): **Gr. K-1 5:20 Gr. 2-3 5:25 Gr. 4-5 5:30** If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

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### LAFF (LIVING AS A FAMILY OF FAITH)

December 13th  
10:30-12:30 in the Matthew/Mark Room

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES (HC)

Our next Confirmation class takes place Sunday, November 15 or Wednesday, November 18, in the Junior High Building.

### SPARK 2020 (HC)

Please join us for the first CYM Youth Conference. This virtual event will take place on Zoom Webinar on November 19th-21st from 7p-8:30p each night. Designed to “spark” the faith of our young people and families, the lineup of nationally acclaimed Catholic speakers will cover relationships, overcoming hardships, and living out the Faith as a family during the COVID-19 pandemic, with messages designed for 6th through 12th grade students.

Last chance to sign up - please let Mrs. Darling know by November 16 if you would like to be registered for the Diocesan Virtual Youth Conference.

### HIGH SCHOOL, YOUTH GROUP, GRADES 9-12

All High School aged teens are welcome to attend our youth group meeting on Sunday, November 22, from 6 to 8 pm in the Parish Hall. We will be helping the parish office by making some tags for our “revised” Giving Tree for this Advent season. Masks are required and social distancing will be maintained. Please eat before you come - we will send a snack with you at the end of the meeting. Hope to see you then.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

A letter has gone out regarding our next phase of coming back on site for Religious Education.

**Pick up for Unit 2 books has started**, please stop by and get your books at hall entrance, your schedule for classes is with your books.

Classes have been grouped by size of class to return on specific weeks.

**Group 1- grades 3, 6, 7 & 8 to be on site starting December 6th.**

**Group 2- grades 1, 2,4 & 5 to be on site starting December 13.**

If you have any questions, or have not picked up your books and are registered, please do not hesitate to call Alicia Poppiti, Director of Religious Education at 410-482-8939 or send me an email to dre@iccmarylodel.org

### 2020/21 FIRST REC/COMMUNION ICC)

Our fourth session will be on Tuesday, November 17.

### CONFIRMATION 2020-2021 (ICC)

Our next Prep session is today, Sunday, November 15th, 2:30-5pm in the Parish Hall. This is for 8th grade and HS youth that are registered to begin Confirmation Prep. This is for the youth only, no parents or Sponsors at this session

### FIRST COMMUNION 2020

A letter with schedule is in the mail for the Sacrament of First Communion. Any questions, please call Ms. Alicia at 410-482-8939 Have a great weekend.

### SHOE DRIVE (ICC)

Thanks to all who have turned in shoes to ICC. We will be turning in the shoes for credit very soon. If you have any shoes to drop off, please do so this week so we can still accept them. Shoes can be dropped off to ICC office or to HC office. Do it today so we can still count your shoes in with the rest!!

*Lose your blues, everybody cut, everybody cut  
Everybody cut, everybody cut  
Everybody cut, everybody cut  
Everybody, everybody cut footloose*

It's just one of those tunes. Once you get it stuck in your head, it just stays there. It's the refrain that just plays over and over in my head once for whatever odd reason it comes to mind. It's the pretty jazzy theme song for the movie Footloose to which I refer. I don't know all the words, and I never could really get into the movie. But, I do remember the star, Kevin Bacon—he was all the rage during movies' peak popularity kicking up his heels. Mr. Bacon has made several movies in his career, and remains a recognizable figure among actors of his time.

But, who would have ever thought that name of Kevin Bacon would figure so prominently in our fundraising effort this year?

You may remember a few weeks back I announced our fundraising effort this year is being conducted through iGiveCatholic, the premiere Catholic day of giving. The days are passing us by quickly as we anxiously await December 1st! It's nail-biting time, pace the floor, pray like crazy, as we get the word out there. IT'S DECEMBER 1ST!! FROM MIDNIGHT UNTIL 11:59 PM!! Okay, maybe you've got plans for that day. Not to worry friends. We have the fix for that. HOW ABOUT AN **ADVANCED GIVING PHASE** FOR DONATING THAT BEGINS AT NOON ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 16 AND RUNS THROUGH NOVEMBER 30TH 11:59PM??? Surely you can find the time to make a magnanimous donation to Holy Cross School during that two week period??!!

No great undertaking is without a goal. When it comes to goals, we have the lollapalooza so don't fret a minute over that!!

All gifts made to HCS on December 1 will increase our impact on our ability to fund curriculum updates, extra-curricular activities like sports and after school clubs, technology updates, and plain old general school needs. And once we reach 50% of our goal of \$10,000 donors will be entered to win some pretty snazzy prizes.

- *The very first donor will be awarded a Holy Cross School gift basket.*
- **Donations of \$25.00:** Names will be entered to win a FREE yearbook.
- **Donations of \$50.00:** Names will be entered to win (1) one free registration for the upcoming year.
- **Donations of \$100.00:** Names will be entered to win one week of FREE After!-Care.
- **Donations of \$200.00:** Entered to win Dinner for Two at Vincenzo's with FREE baby-sitting provided by Mrs. Pollitt!!!
- **Donations of \$300.00:** Names will be entered to win a FREE tag day once a month for the remainder of the school year!
- **The TOP FAMILY DONATION:** A cash prize of \$500.00!
- **The TOP STAFF DONATION:** A relaxing massage!

It's time to rally our friends, neighbors, alumni, and siblings, in-laws, and the cousin twice removed. We are hoping to make this to be our only fundraising effort of the school year. Without the help of an HSA, we are doing this all on our own. A huge shout-out to Mrs. Angela Bifferato and Mrs. Jill Zink in organizing and managing the effort thus far. But I felt there was something over and above the baby-sitting and personal giving that I could do. Making a few phone calls to some influential folks, Mrs. Bifferato and Mrs. Zink seem to have made a breakthrough of sorts, all on my behalf. Well, it seems that Kevin Bacon, (that's right, I said that name was going to figure pretty prominently) has agreed to allow me to plant a little peck on the cheek if we reach our goal..... can you even get over it? Woweee.... You can follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram to share in the excitement of our Catholic day of giving. We need your help...even the smallest donation given by many will make a huge impact on our ambitious goal. I have asked that you prayerfully discern your family donation. It will mean so much.

Oh my gosh...it's BREAKING NEWS!! Guess what! I've just been notified by Mrs. Bifferato of a \$1000.00 donation from PRICE HONDA OF DOVER!! What a great jump-start on reaching our goal. Talk about magnanimous?!!

**\$9000.00 left...c'mon Holy Cross; we can do this!!**

*hands, and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his almighty Father, giving you thanks he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples..."*

- In the Second Eucharistic Prayer we hear: *"At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples..."*
- In the Third Eucharistic Prayer we hear: *"For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and giving you thanks he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples..."*
- In the Fourth Eucharist Prayer, written in poetic tones by St. Bede, we hear: *"For when the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, Father most holy, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end... he gave thanks, and gave the chalice to his disciples..."*

**Thankful Cheers.** Imagine, knowing you are about to be put to death – an ignominious death, at that – and the first thing you think to do is give thanks to God. Nonetheless, that is what we are called to do. We are to give thanks for God’s light in what oft seems a world of darkness. That might be tough to do at time, but that is our faith! As Carla Tortelli on the TV show “Cheers” once said about our Catholic faith, “It’s not a religion for wusses.” It challenges us. We are to be a people of thankfulness, hope, and joy.

**Howdy Pilgrim.** Think about the Pilgrims at the first Thanksgiving in 1621: There were no Catholics present there. Who was there? Pilgrims were there; they made a tough journey from Europe, to a new, unknown land. Along with the pilgrim were some American Indians, natives to the land. Those two groups, from different worlds, so to speak, gathered for three days and thanked God for an abundant harvest. Mind you this came after an horrendous first year, in which many Pilgrims died. And yet as Christians, they remembered their losses, they bore their crosses, but then paused to give thanks to God for their lives, for their family, for the food before them, and for their fellow men who they found in the Indian tribes of New England. We, too, are challenged to have that same faith: Yes, it is easy to give thanks when things are going our way. But, we need to be able to be thankful, to see God’s blessings, even when things are going sideways.

I’ll continue more in next week’s column on this topic of giving thanks.

May you all be blessed with a wonderful week. Hope you have been enjoying the beautiful weather over the past weekdays.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. James S. Lentini  
Pastor

