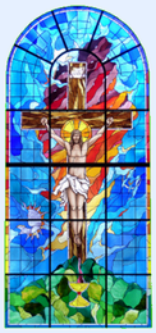

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Immaculate Conception

November 1, 2026 — **All Saints**

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Parish Office Hours
School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thrusday, 9 am-1 pm

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

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

Daily Mass Schedule
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 am
Wednesday – 8:15 am
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day)

Confession Schedule
Saturday, 8:30 am—10:00 am,
Fridaysin Lent, 5:30pm

Adoration Chapel Hours
Daily, 5am—9pm

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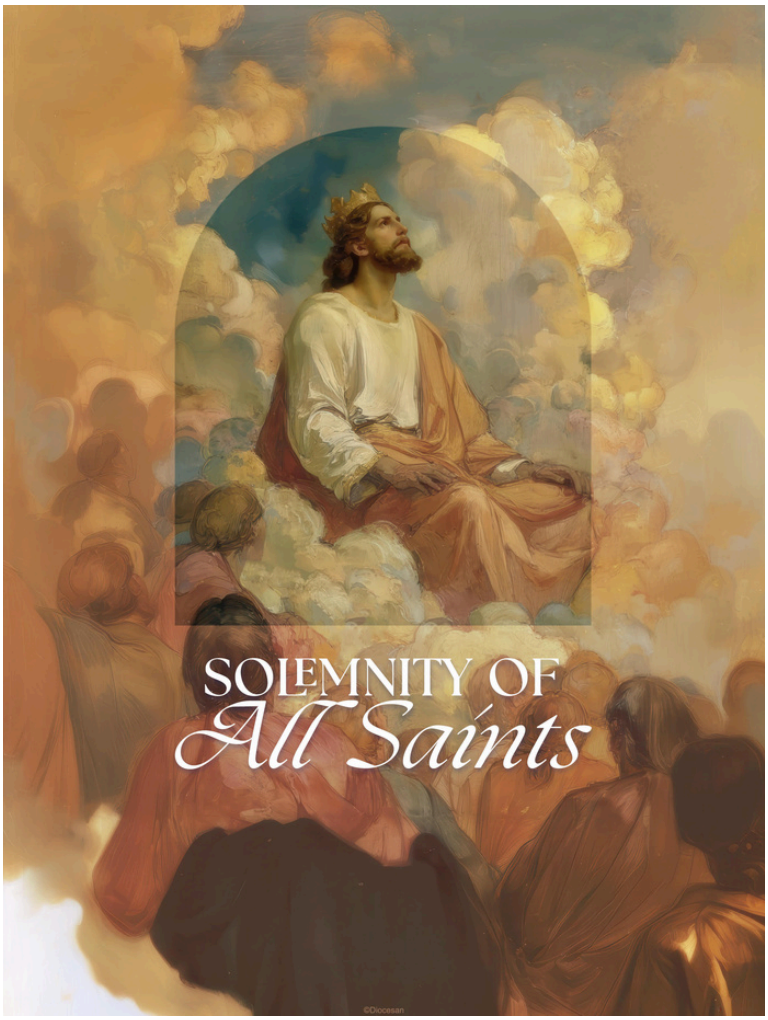
Parish Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-1 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

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

Daily Mass Schedule
Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish



Holy Day Schedule (HC and ICC)
Mary, Mother of God, January 1
Assumption, August 15
All Saints' Day, November 1
Immaculate Conception, December 8
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

sacraments

Receiving the Sacraments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

happenings

Fr. Giamello's official Installation Masses with Bishop Koenig have been scheduled. Below are the dates for both Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception.

Holy Cross: Saturday, November 21 at the 5:00pm Mass, followed by Reception in the Parish Hall. **(If you will be attending the reception please call or email Ashlyn at abaynocky@holycrossdover.org or ext. 123 to RSVP no later than November 18th.)**

Immaculate Conception: Sunday, November 22 at the 8:30am Mass, followed by a light Reception in the Parish Hall.

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Weekly Offering (HC)

Ending October 25, 2026

Offertory Type	Received
Regular	$18,672.65
Second	$0.00

Weekly Offering (ICC)

Ending October 25, 2026

Offertory Type	Received
Regular	$3,661.00
Second	$235.00

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A Word from our Pastor…

Dear Parishioners,

As we journey through the autumn season, the Church turns our hearts toward the mystery of eternal life. Immediately following the joy of All Saints' Day, we gather for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, deeply known as All Souls' Day.

Death changes life; it does not end it. The spiritual bonds that unite us as the Mystical Body of Christ are stronger than the grave. While the saints in Heaven intercede for us, our loved ones who have died in God's grace may still be undergoing their final purification in Purgatory. They cannot pray for themselves, but through the profound charity of our prayers and the infinite grace of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we can help them enter the full radiance and joy of God's presence.

The Mass is the greatest gift of healing and remembrance we can offer to those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. I invite you to join our Community as we lift our voices in hope, seeking eternal rest for our family members, friends, and all the forgotten souls.
Please join us for our All Souls' Day liturgies on Monday, November 2nd:

- 7:00 PM – Mass in English at Holy Cross Church
- 7:00 PM – Mass in Spanish (Misa en Español) at Immaculate Conception Church

Let us stand together in faith, trusting in the promise of the Resurrection and the everlasting love of our Savior.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Sincerely, yours in Christ,

Rev. Anthony Giamello, KHS

November 2
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
Wis 3:1–9
Rom 6:3–9
Jn 6:37–40

Tuesday
November 3
Weekday
Phil 2:5–11
Lk 14:15–24

Wednesday
November 4
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Phil 2:12–18
Lk 14:25–33

Thursday
November 5
Weekday
Phil 3:3–8a
Lk 15:1–10

Friday
November 6
Weekday
Phil 3:17—4:1
Lk 16:1–8

Saturday
November 7
Weekday
Phil 4:10–19
Lk 16:9–15

Sunday
November 8
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 6:12–16
1 Thes 4:13–18 or 4:13–14
Mt 25:1–13

connections

HC & ICC Clergy

Rev. Anthony Giamello	Pastor
Rev. John Enemuo	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Rommel Padilla	Parochial Vicar
Rev. John Hynes	In Residence

HC Clergy

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

HC Staff

Parish Office	302 674 5787
Lilie Ramos	Receptionist, ext. 110
Vivian Alvarado	Assistant to the Pastor, ext. 113
Darcee Impagliazzo	Business Manager, ext. 119
Rev. Padilla	Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. I15
Tammy Korosec	CRE Religious Ed, ext 122
Ashlyn Baynocky	Youth Ministry, ext. 123
Justin Wurzel	Maintenance Director
Len Dornberger	Cemetery Administrator, ext. 135
Michael Perza	Dir. of Music Ministry, 302 698 9302

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Dover, DE 19901

ICC Staff

Parish Office	410 482 7687
Marilyn Dixon	Office Manager
Alicia Poppiti	DRE Religious Ed.
Susan Venezia	Bookkeeper
Rev. Padilla	Dir. of Hispanic Ministry

Mailing Address

Immaculate Conception Church
P. O. Box 399
Marydel, MD 21649-0399

Holy Cross School

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

Mallory O'Mara — Principal, ext. 111

Mailing Address

Holy Cross School
631 S. State St.
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faith in action

Samaritan's Food Pantry

Our pantry will provide Thanksgiving meals to approximately 200 families. We are requesting 14-16 lb Turkeys, cranberry sauce, corn muffin mix and brownie mix. In addition, for weekly food distribution, the following items are urgently needed: hamburger helper, peanut butter (18oz), Manwich, Progresso or Campbell's chunky soup. In the last 12 months we provided food for 2330 families (5456 adults & 6133 children).

Adoration Chapel

"A Holy Hour before the blessed sacrament is worth more than a thousand years of human glory." ST. PADRE PIO

You don't need a time if you cannot make a commitment. Please feel free to come in and sit with our Lord, when you can! Contact JOHN MURPHY 302-233-1779, text, or email jkm2015@verizon.net

Times Available are:

Sunday	6-7am	7-8am	5-6pm	6-7pm	8-9pm
Tuesday	6-7am	3-4pm			
Thursday	6-7am	4-5pm	8-9pm		
Friday	8-9am				
Saturday	6-7am	8-9am	12-1pm	6-7pm	
	7-8pm	8-9pm			

Little Books
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Little Reflection Books, Advent, Lent And Easter Seasons

3 books for the one price of $10. Please give money, name and phone number to Holy Cross Parish Office, or to Marilyn Dixon at Immaculate Conception. All orders need to be in by November 6.

Annual Appeal Update:

2026 ANNUAL FAITH & CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL

Church of the Holy Cross
Goal: $235,000.00
Pledges Received: $199,990.05 (85.10%)

Immaculate Conception (Marydel)
Goal: $25,625.00
Pledges Received: $25,654.41 (100.11%)

The Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal continues to experience strong support throughout our Diocese. We are grateful to all who have already made a gift or pledge to this year's Appeal.

If you have pledged, please remember that fulfilling your commitment helps provide essential funding for ministries that serve those in need.

If you have not yet participated, there is still time. Every gift, regardless of size, makes a difference. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Welcome New Parishioners

We extend a warm welcome to our newly registered members:

- Joyce Porter
- David & Claire Rice, Leah Rice

Recently Deceased

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

- Faye Spartz
- Jake Patrick Hanley
- George Nemith

Mass Intention November

2 MONDAY
HC 8:00 am Alice & Paul Cook

3 TUEDAY
HC 8:00 am May & Victor Everhart

4 WEDNESDAY
HC 8:15 am Liberato Iannone

5 THURSDAY
HC 8:00 am Kristy Murray

6 FRIDAY
HC 8:00 am Grace Kapys

7 SATURDAY
HC 8:00 am Grace Kapys
HC 5:00 pm Marylyn Schaeffler

8 SUNDAY
HC 7:30 am Anthony Cibello
ICC 8:30 am Tom & Doris Costello
HC 9:30 am Sylvia Crews
ICC 11:00 am John & Ann Pirro
HC 11:30 am Gabriele Maddalena
ICC 1:30 pm For The People

Sanctuary Candle in Church Nov 8-14 is for the intention of our parishioners in Holy Cross.

Sanctuary Candle in the Adoration Chapel Nov 8-14 is for the intention of Filomena & Ida Ramieri.

Memorials: Please know that Sanctuary Candles, Altar flowers and Mass intentions are available if you would like to donate in Memory or Honor of someone. Just call or stop by the parish office for more information.

Become a registered parishioner today! We welcome all visitors and newcomers to our Parish. If you wish to register please stop by the Parish Office

faith in action

Nov 7/8, 2026

	EMHC		SERVERS
5:00 PM	N. Sirolli M. Sirolli	P. Sheldon A. Van Vooren	T. Tiedemann L. Toto
			LECTORS
			D. Jones D. Kilby
7:30 AM	J. Davis J. Denney	A. Fisher J. Fisher	A. Wilk C. Wilk
			LECTORS
			K. Meire
9:30 AM	J. Lausten M. Lausten	C. Robinson J. Salamone	J. Beugre C. Beugre
			LECTORS
			T. Baurys S. Crossen
11:30 AM	Carolina G. Bennie G.	Maria R. Mirna R.	Diego, Jose, Samantha, Emiliano
			LECTORS
			Gloria. C Antonio. L

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM	B. Lawson		
			LECTORS
			G. Godfrey
11:00 AM	K. Escalante Garcia		
			LECTORS
			Lausten Family

If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or an Altar Server, please all the Parish Office at Holy Cross. Leave your name and contact information.

As always, we can use more volunteers to become ministers to the sick and homebound. This ministry is growing daily and they so appreciate receiving Our Lord especially since they can't come to Mass. Sign up at the office if you are interested in learning more about this ministry.

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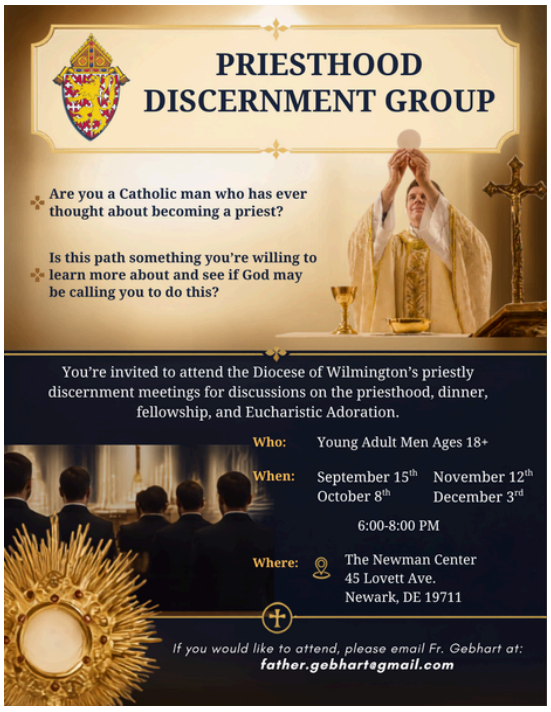
MARRIED COUPLES "Live your best life in love" in Fall 2026: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The next Delaware Marriage Encounter Weekend will be: **November 6th - 8th at Rehoboth Beach**. For more information visit: https://wwme-delmar.org/applyWeekend.php



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PARROQUIA DE LA SANTA CRUZ

RESERVE LA FECHA: Las Misas oficiales de Instalación del Padre Giamello, presididas por el Obispo Koenig, ya han sido programadas. A continuación, se indican las fechas para Holy Cross y la Inmaculada Concepción.

Holy Cross: Sábado 21 de noviembre, durante la Misa de las 5:00 p. m., seguida de una recepción en el salón parroquial. **(Si asistirá a la recepción, por favor llame o envíe un correo electrónico a Ashlyn a abaynocky@holycrossdover.org o comuníquese con la extensión 123 para confirmar su asistencia (RSVP) a más tardar el 18 de noviembre.)**

Inmaculada Concepción: Domingo 22 de noviembre, durante la Misa de las 8:30 a. m., seguida de una recepción sencilla en el salón parroquial.

Libritos de Reflexión para los tiempos de Adviento, Cuaresma y Pascua: 3 libros por el precio de $10. Por favor, entregue el dinero, su nombre y número de teléfono en la oficina de la Parroquia Holy Cross o a Marilyn Dixon en Inmaculada Concepción. La fecha límite para realizar todos los pedidos es el 6 de Noviembre.

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Jesús te Invita a que pases una hora con El: Capilla de Adoración Eucarística: «Ven y pase una hora con Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento. Para anotarse llame a la oficina parroquial.

La Virgen Peregrina: La Virgen Peregrina está visitando casas, si usted desea que la imagen de la virgen peregrina visite su casa por una semana, hable con nuestra hermana Marta Espinosa.

Conviértete en feligrés registrado hoy! Damos la bienvenida a todos los visitantes y recién llegados a nuestra parroquia. Si desea registrarse, por favor pase por la Oficina Parroquial.

Memoriales: Por favor, tengan en cuenta que velas del Santuario, flores del altar y las intenciones de la misa están disponibles si deseas donar en memoria o honor a alguien. Solo llama o pása por la oficina parroquial para más información.

Las clases de educación religiosa se imparten en la Escuela Primaria Holy Cross Para más información comuníquese con: Sra. Tammy Korosec Coordinadora de Educación Religiosa email tkorosec@holycrossdover.org o llame al 302-674-5787 ext 122

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PARROQUIA DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCION- MARYDEL

- **Todos están invitados** todos los Jueves a la Santa Misa a las 6pm. A las 7pm Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento y Confesiones.

- **Conviértete en feligrés registrado hoy!** Damos la bienvenida a todos los visitantes y recién llegados a nuestra parroquia. Si desea registrarse, por favor pase por la Oficina Parroquial.

Religious Ed at Holy Cross

Classes have started! But it isn't too late to register and get your students back on their faith journey! For more information on how to register go to holycrossdover.org or call Tammy Korosec at (302) 674-5787 X 122 or email tkorosec@holycrossdover.org

Adult Religious Education Classes

The Bible Timeline
With Deacon Bob

Classes on Tuesday at either 9am or 7pm in the Matthew/Mark Room in the Parish Hall. Class is free/$40 workbook optional.

Class began September 8 th but you are welcome join anytime it will run until May 2027.

If you have any questions or would like to order the workbook set, please contact Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

Youth Ministry

Registration for Confirmation Preparation 2027: May be found on the church website under Confirmation 2027

Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic? Are you interested inlearning more about the Catholic faith? Have you received some, but not all, of the Sacraments Initiation? If so, you are invited to explore the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). OCIA is the process through which adults learn about the Catholic faith and prepare to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Classes meet every Sunday, 1:00pm-3:00pm in the Matthew/Mark room in the Parish Office, Building C, Early Learning Center, 2nd floor (back by the playground). Walk-in's are welcome! For further information, contact Tammy Korosec, Coordinator of Religious Education at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org, or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

Religious Education at ICC

SRE:

Religious Education- In need of persons with a desire to broaden your faith while teaching others the Catholic faith. Call Alicia Poppiti 410-482-8939 to inquire. Catechists, assistants, substitutes, confirmation and aids are needed for the 2026-2027 school year.

Catechist In-service is on Monday, November 9th in the Office Meeting room at 7pm. Any questions, please feel free to contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 or dre@iccmarydel.org

Immaculate Conception:

Sacraments:
First Reconciliation session #3 is on Tuesday, November 3 at 6:30 in the hall.
Confirmation session #2 is on Sunday, November 15 in the hall from 3-5:30 PM.

Confirmation: Classes began on Sunday, October 11th.
Session#2 is on Sunday, November15th, these sessions are not optional.

OCIA

OCIA is ayearlong process which leads an adult person toward Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation or full communion with the Catholic Church. Interested individuals seeking to enter the Church or individuals interested in serving on a team of individuals should contact **Alicia Poppiti, DRE at 410-482-8939 or dre@iccmarydel.org**

Welcome! We are excited to share a glimpse into life at Holy Cross through the eyes of Monica Dottellis, our third grade teacher. We hope you enjoy celebrating our school-wide highlights and taking a peek into the wonderful work happening in our classroom.

It was another wonderful week here at Holy Cross! On Monday evening, we inducted the newest members into the National Junior Honor Society. It was a beautiful evening celebrating their hard work, dedication, and accomplishments. We are so proud of these students and look forward to seeing them grow as leaders who serve others with kindness, compassion, and integrity.

As a faith-filled community, we are reminded that God has blessed each of us with unique gifts and talents, and we are called to use those gifts to make a difference in the lives of others. May these students continue to let their faith guide their choices, their hearts lead them to serve, and their actions reflect the love of Christ. We pray that they will continue to shine their light brightly and be wonderful examples of leadership and service throughout our Holy Cross community.

On Tuesday, our third graders enjoyed a slower-paced day while staying busy wrapping up their research on a saint of their choice in preparation for their "Museum of Saints" presentation later in the school year! This special project gives students the opportunity to learn about the lives of holy men and women who dedicated themselves to following Jesus and serving others. This project also was a perfect way for us to talk about why All Saints Day is so important in our faith as we will celebrate this feast day on Sunday.

The first step in this exciting journey for this project was choosing a saint they wanted to learn more about and reflecting on how they could follow that saint's example in their own lives. Students then researched important details about their chosen saint, learning about their faith, accomplishments, and the ways they shared God's love with others. Through this project, we hope our students will discover that sainthood is not just something from the past, but a beautiful example of how we can all live out our faith each day.

In the coming weeks, we will use all the wonderful information students have gathered to begin preparing their presentations. We look forward to seeing them share their knowledge and inspire their family members, friends, and classmates when they bring their saints to life at our "Museum of Saints"! May the saints continue to guide our young Crusaders as they grow in faith and discover the many ways they can be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world around them.

On Wednesday, our youngest Crusaders enjoyed their Halloween parade, where they proudly showcased their creative costumes to their families and classmates. It was a fun-filled day full of smiles, laughter, and special memories! It was such a joy to see our students so excited as they shared this special moment with the people who love and support them.

On Thursday the third grade classes went on a field trip to Ramsey Farms where they had the opportunity to learn about the history of Ramsey's Farm, their current productions and operations, and learn about "Spookly, the square pumpkin" which is part of a national bullying prevention program.

We wrapped up our week on Friday with a beautiful act of service as our school community came together to collect items for the Samaritan Food Pantry. Each building collected specific items to help support families in need. The ELC collected peanut butter, the elementary building collected Manwich and brownie mix, and the junior high building collected corn muffin mix. We are so grateful for the generosity of our students and families! Through these simple acts of kindness, we are reminded of Jesus' call to love our neighbors and care for those in need. These donations will help provide nourishment, bring hope, and serve as a reminder that even the smallest acts of giving can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Friday also brought plenty of excitement and Halloween fun! Students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade had the opportunity to show off their creative Halloween costumes, while students in fifth through eighth grade celebrated by wearing festive Halloween colors. It was a joyful way to end the week, filled with smiles, laughter, and school spirit. We are thankful for the opportunities we have to build community, share in one another's joy, and create special memories together. May we continue to carry the spirit of kindness, gratitude, and love into all that we do! We also held our annual HSA trunk or treat event after school. A big thank you to everyone who participated and our HSA for coordinating.

Looking ahead to next week we will be focusing on vocations and encouraging the faithful to pray for and support young people and adults who are discerning a call to religious life or ordained ministry.

Thank you for following along with us and for your continued support of Holy Cross. May God abundantly bless you and your family as we walk together in faith.

God Bless,
Monica Dottellis
Third Grade Teacher
Mrs. O'Mara Principal

El Sermón del monte empieza con las bienaventuranzas. Cada bienaventuranza declara que un grupo de personas que por lo general son considerados como afligidos, en realidad son bendecidos. Los bendecidos no tienen que hacer nada para obtener esta bendición, Jesús simplemente declara que ellos ya han sido bendecidos. "Bienaventurados los que lloran". Por lo general, las personas no creen que llorar sea una bendición. Es algo doloroso. Sin embargo, con la venida del reino de los cielos, el llanto se convierte en una bendición, porque los que lloran "serán consolados". La implicación es que Dios mismo será quien los consuele. Cuando entramos al reino de Dios, deseamos parecernos más a aquellos que se llaman bienaventurados, ser más humildes, más misericordiosos, tener más hambre de justicia, ser más propensos a hacer la paz y así sucesivamente. Si no fuera por la gracia de Dios, nadie sería bienaventurado. Las bienaventuranzas no son un juicio en contra de todos los que no alcanzan los estándares, son una bendición para cualquiera que decida unirse al reino de Dios mientras este "está cerca".

"Bienaventurados los pobres en espíritu, pues de ellos es el reino de los cielos". Los "pobres en espíritu" son aquellos que se sumergen a sí mismos en la gracia de Dios. Son quienes reconocen de forma personal su estado de bancarrota espiritual ante Dios. Es el recaudador de impuestos en el templo, golpeando su pecho y diciendo, "Dios, ten piedad de mí, pecador". Es una confesión honesta de que somos pecadores y plenamente carentes de las virtudes morales necesarias para agradar a Dios. Es lo opuesto a la arrogancia. En su forma más profunda, reconoce nuestra necesidad desesperada de Dios.

"Bienaventurados los humildes, pues ellos heredarán la tierra". Muchos suponen que el término significa débil, soso o falto de valor. Sin embargo, la perspectiva bíblica de la humildad es que es poder bajo control. El poder bajo el control de Dios implica dos cosas: rehusarse a inflar la autoestima y la renuencia a reivindicarnos a nosotros mismos por nosotros mismos. Las personas humildes se ven a sí mismas como siervas de Dios y no piensan más alto de ellas mismas de lo que deben pensar. Ser humilde es reconocer nuestras fortalezas y limitaciones como lo que realmente son, en vez de tratar constantemente de mostrarnos a nosotros mismos a la mejor luz posible.

"Bienaventurados los que tienen hambre y sed de justicia, pues ellos serán saciados". En el judaísmo antiguo, actuar justamente significaba "exonerar, justificar, restaurar a una relación correcta". Los justos son aquellos que mantienen relaciones correctas con Dios y con las personas a su alrededor. Sólo podemos formar relaciones correctas con otros cuando dejamos de hacer que todas las acciones giren a nuestro alrededor. ¿Usted tiene hambre y sed de relaciones correctas con Dios, sus compañeros de trabajo, su familia y su comunidad?

"Bienaventurados los misericordiosos, pues ellos recibirán misericordia". Si usted ha recibido la misericordia de Dios, no le será difícil ser misericordioso con las personas en el trabajo o en cualquier otra parte. La misericordia consiste en tratar a las personas mejor de lo que merecen.

"Bienaventurados los de limpio corazón, pues ellos verán a Dios". Las "manos limpias y corazón puro" denotan integridad, unicidad de devoción, lealtad indivisible. La integridad va mucho más allá de evitar el engaño y el mal comportamiento.

"Bienaventurados los que procuran la paz, pues ellos serán llamados hijos de Dios". Los conflictos surgen cuando las personas tienen diferencias de opinión. En el Reino de Dios, es una bendición unir a las personas que tienen disputas. Solo entonces es posible resolver el conflicto y restaurar las relaciones. El resultado de la resolución de conflictos es la paz y los pacificadores serán llamados "hijos de Dios".

"Bienaventurados aquellos que han sido perseguidos por causa de la justicia". Jesús está hablando de la bendición de ser perseguidos por hacer el bien. Pero, ¿por qué seríamos perseguidos por la justicia? La realidad en un mundo caído es que si demostramos justicia genuina, muchos nos rechazarán.

Sinceramente,

Fr. Padilla