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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

November 8, 2020

32nd 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

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Matthew 25:13

Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins by William John Wainwright, 1859
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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

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

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)

October 25, 2020

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$28,182	\$28,000	\$182
YTD	#411,224	\$470,400	(\$59,176)
Needs	\$1,681	\$1,550	\$131

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending October 25, 2020

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$4,192
Second	\$194

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,

Last Monday, on November 2, (the day after All Saints Day) the Church celebrated “All Souls Day” – a day where we pray for the faithful departed men and women who went before us. At morning Mass that day, we remembered all those parishioners who passed during the past year. When we pray for our beloved dead, we are praying for their souls, that they may find peace and rest in the kingdom of Heaven. The Roman Martyrology, a thorough and official listing of over 7,000 saints, indicates that All Souls Day is the when we are called to offer our prayers for “all those who still groan in purgatory, so that they may join as soon as possible the inhabitants of the heavenly city.”

Movin’ on Up. To put this in context, let’s remind ourselves about Purgatory. You may remember that the Church exists in three states, the Church in Heaven (the Church Triumphant), the Church on Earth (the Church Militant) and the Church in Purgatory (the Church Suffering). Wherever God’s people are, there is the Church of God. Our aim, our call, our desire from the Church on Earth is to get to the Church in Heaven. Now, this is not like moving from one parish to another because of better air conditioning, better music or no second collections. No! This is the natural progression to which we are called.

Preparing for Company. However (and isn’t there always a “however”), in order to make the move from this world to the Kingdom of God in Heaven and abide with and in the company of Saints, we have to be rightly prepared: We need to be in a state of grace, and we need to have no temporal punishments due for sin on our dance card. In this world, we cleanse ourselves of those problems by the Sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist and by the gaining of Indulgences, respectively. In this regard:

Confession puts us in a state of grace by cleansing us from all of our sins (especially mortal sins which serve to break our relationship with God).

The Eucharist nourishes us and cleanses us from venial (lesser) sins.

The gaining of Indulgences (gifts of God’s grace) by good deeds, prayers and actions, wipes away our Temporal Punishment due for the sins we have committed.

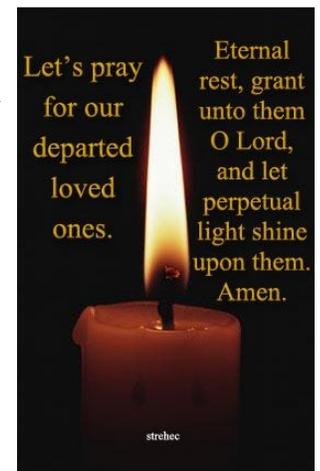
Purgatory and the Tonight Show. But what if we do, in fact, still have venial sins upon us (unrepented) or temporal punishment due for sin at the time of death? Purgatory cleanses us. It pre-

pares us. It is like getting one’s self all clean and prepped for a prom, a wedding, or a date with Angelina Jolie. I have often likened Purgatory to the famous “Green Room” back stage on The Tonight Show. It seems that back stage at the Tonight Show there is a room, dubbed the “Green Room,” in which the guests for the evening remain-in-waiting until they are called to come on stage and go on air with Jimmy Fallon. In that room, that “Green Room,” they wait, they prepare and look forward to that big moment when they are moved from the “Green Room” to the big room... to the set of the Tonight Show. This is much like what Purgatory is for us: it’s a waiting place, a place where God preps you and purgates (purges, cleanses) you of anything that would keep you from enjoying the awe and wonder of Heaven.

High Hopes. And so, for our loved ones who have passed on, we hope – but do not know – they are in Heaven, and so we are called to pray that they make that journey. Our default setting when someone dies is one of charity: to pray for their soul; to pray that they get to their place in the Heavenly kingdom. We are a people of hope! Much like Frank Sinatra crooned in 1959, we’ve “got high hopes.” And while we acknowledge the reality of Hell, we pray fervently that all of God’s children – all of us – have that hope of Heaven and will be there gathered around the throne of God praising Him in awe, night and day. That is the Heaven of which we hope, and Purgatory – which is a gift of God’s mercy – helps us to make that journey

So, on All Souls Day, and indeed throughout November – which is the Month of All Souls – we pray for our faithful departed, perhaps light a candle, too. During this month of All Souls: Remember a loved one, or more meritoriously, remember someone you may not have loved or liked, and pray also for them, that they may find rest. Let us pray: “Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor



HC & ICC CLERGY

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

HC CLERGY

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 Mr. Philip Belt Deacon
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 Mr. Scott Peterson Deacon
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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. Father Etim, at the request of the Weyant family, performed the dedication ceremony. The statues were donated by Jan Walls and the rest of the Weyant family in memory of their parents. The following is an excerpt from a statement made by Jan Walls.



"My parents, Tom and Millie Weyant, loved children. The one constant phrase that captures their values is love never fails. Love matters the most. It is my hope that these cherubs be a loving, lasting reminder not only of the children interred here, but that love endures all things, even the tragic loss of a child. Yes, their lives were cut short, but their love lives on forever. When people come to this cemetery, I hope they feel that love. Love truly is the greatest gift of all."

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 15 33RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 31:10-13

The most attractive qualities in a person are not beauty or charm, but trustworthiness, wisdom, industriousness and generosity.

READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-6

Speculating when the world will end is not the best way to prepare for it.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about a rich man who entrusted his disposable wealth to the care of servants during his absence. He was furious to find that one of them made no effort to put it to good use.

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 beginning November 2**.
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

Did you know that there are special seminaries for men entering the priesthood later in life, seminaries where students range from ages 25 to 60? Many of these men have thought about being a priest at one time or another but, for whatever reason, pushed the idea to the back of their minds. They are men who have made a career change to a second vocation, the priest-

MASS INTENTIONS

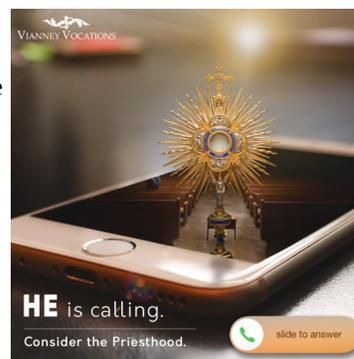
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9 MONDAY HC 6:30 am HA 8:00 am	Elwood & Mary McLane Gabrielle Maddalena
10 TUESDAY HC 8:00 am	Louis & Grace Jara
11 WEDNESDAY HC 6:30 am HC 8:00 am	Josephine Nardone
12 THURSDAY HC 8:00 am ICC 6:00 pm	Corinne Christiansen For the People
13 FRIDAY 6:30 am HC 8:00 am	Kathy & Bill Brennan (LI) Janet Dyba
14 SATURDAY HC 8 am HC 5 pm	Adam. J. Daniel Margie Galli
15 SUNDAY HC 7:30 am ICC 8:30 am HC 9:30 am HC 11:30 am ICC 11 am ICC 1 pm HC 6 pm	Mary Donovan Jerome Bevenour DM Coleman Family Tom & Millie Weyant Elise Carrow For the People Ethel Mae Coverdale

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)

hood. They're ordinary people, men who have been electricians, teachers, barbers, policemen, social workers, businessmen, farmers, dentists. Some are widowers, even grandfathers. Diverse though their backgrounds may be, they now share one aim in



life: to become a priest and serve God's people. Could you be one of them?



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 October/November 2020

5 pm Mass

Nov 14	Lori Christiansen
Nov 21	Fran Urick
Nov 28	Hazel Showell

7:30 am Mass

Nov 15	Donna Kilby
Nov 22	Christina Cuffey
Nov 29	Rose Pritchett

9:30 am Mass

Nov 15	Mary Sherlock
Nov 22	Suzanne Ford
Nov 29	Chris Petka

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 November. 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 place 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, and other items for Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you.

MEN OF HOLY CROSS

Please join us for a Zoom Rosary for the intention of election results which are pleasing to God and which draw our nation closer to "His Holy Will". November 3rd, 0630, just click on the below link (or copy and paste in your browser) and follow the prompts. Zoom Link <https://zoom.us/j/930861480> (<https://zoom.us/j/930861480>)

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.

Noviembre, Mes de la Iglesia Sufriente. Una Santa Iglesia Católica fundada por Jesucristo

¿Oremos más por los difuntos y las Animas del purgatorio. Ofrezcamos por ellos misas, ayuno, sacrificios comuniones, y obras de caridad. La Iglesia se divide en tres grupos: 1. Iglesia triunfante: los santos que ya se salvaron y están en el cielo, gozando de la vida eterna. 2. Iglesia militante: los que estamos en la tierra luchando por hacer el bien y evitar el mal. 3. Iglesia Sufriente: los que están en el purgatorio purificándose de sus pecados, de las manchas que afean su alma. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, es un texto de máxima autoridad para todos los católicos del mundo y dice cinco cosas acerca del Purgatorio: 1ª. Los que mueren en gracia y amistad de Dios pero no perfectamente purificados, sufren después de su muerte una purificación, para obtener la completa hermosura de su alma (1030). 2ª. La Iglesia llama Purgatorio a esa purificación. La Iglesia para hablar de que será como un fuego purificador, se basa en aquella frase de San Pablo que dice: "La obra de cada uno quedará al descubierto, el día en que pasen por fuego. Las obras que cada cual ha hecho se probarán en el fuego". (1Cor. 3, 14). 3ª. La práctica de orar por los difuntos es sumamente antigua. Tenemos que orar y ofrecer sacrificios por los muertos, para que quedaran libres de sus pecados" (2Mac. 12, 46). 4ª. La Iglesia desde los primeros siglos ha tenido la costumbre de orar por los Santa Mónica lo único que les pidió al morir fue esto: "No se olviden de ofrecer oraciones por mi alma". 5ª. San Gregorio Magno afirma: "Si Jesucristo dijo que hay faltas que no serán perdonadas ni en este mundo ni en el otro, es señal de que hay faltas que sí son perdonadas en el otro mundo. Para que Dios perdone a los difuntos las faltas veniales que tenían sin perdonar en el momento de su muerte, para eso ofrecemos misas, oraciones y limosnas por su eterno descanso".

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. Protegemos 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.

LAFF (LIVING AS A FAMILY OF FAITH)

November 8th and then 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. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. Please contact Linda Darling at ldarling@holycrossover.org if you are interested in attending so she may get you registered. You may choose to view from home with your family, or we will be viewing in the Parish Hall all three nights if you would like to join with other teens. Social distancing and masks required.

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. Masks are required and social distancing will be maintained. 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. Please look for letter in mail.

Pick up for Unit 2 books has started, please stop by and get your books at hall entrance.

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 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

MORE SOLES ARE NEEDED, PLEASE HELP! FUND RAISER ENDS NOV. 10,

Would you ever think that your old shoes could raise money for Immaculate Conception Catholic Church? Well they can and here’s how. Our church



is participating in a fundraiser where there is nothing to buy or sell, all we need is your support and your gently worn shoes. These shoes will help support our program as well as individuals in developing nations like Ghana, Haiti and Bolivia.

Connect with Marilyn Dixon to get them picked up or you can drop them off at Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 518 Main Street, Maryland, MD 21649, where there is a bin to put the shoes, or call my cell 302-423-8292.

Remember, every pair that you collect helps. We have collected 1,250 pairs and need 1,250 more to make our goal of 2,500.

All shoes sneakers, high heels, flip flops, boots, house slippers, men, women, baby, kids, ALL!

It's an odd comparison to make, but for a moment can you conjure up the mental image of the ripple effect of a stone being dropped into a pool of water? It's an attractive image, watching how far reaching the particles of water can ripple away from the center of the pool. I draw that comparison to the dismissal of junior high students back in the day when we were able to have all of our after school extra-curricular activities. Our students are highly talented in many different ways. We are proud of their accomplishments.

As an administrator, I am very pleased with the opportunities made available to our junior high students that enhance the already reputable learning programs in place. As a sequel to last week's edition of our Crusader Notes and Parish bulletin entry I would like to expound upon the extra curricular programs offered in our junior high. Although they are not listed in any particular order, I'll begin with....

MATH LEAGUE: One ounce of solution X contains only ingredients a and b in a ratio of 2:3. One ounce of solution Y contains only ingredients a and b in a ratio of 1:2. If solution Z is created by mixing solutions X and Y in a ratio of 3:11, then 2520 ounces of solution Z contains how many ounces of a?

This calls for using our higher order thinking skills, does it not? This is a typical problem set before students who gathered for monthly competition within geographic regions throughout the state of Delaware. These students are a part of a statewide program known as Math League. We have been members of Math League for many many years, and I'm bursting my buttons with pride over how well and how often Holy Cross has performed. Never a year went by that we did not qualify for participation in the statewide Invitational. Mrs. Susan Crawford has served as coach and skillfully prepares her students for competition. I always enjoyed being a part of the proceedings and to be surrounded by kids who know it's cool to be smart!

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY: Leadership, Citizenship, Service, Character, and Scholarship. These are the five areas our applicants are tasked with demonstrating accomplishment and achievement within before being accepted for induction into the NJHS. Our candlelit induction ceremony is a lovely event. Always held in the church, we begin with a prayer service and incorporate the induction of our newest members. Prior to reciting their pledge, their blue and white cords are placed around their neck validating and symbolizing their membership. Students have to work hard to maintain their good standing in the NJHS. We are grateful to Mrs. Riecks and Mrs. Peek for the extra hours given to the students. Using parliamentary procedures our students elect officers and oversee meetings which are held monthly. We are grateful for the gifts given to our school through their service projects. This year's project is an especially ambitious one. I look forward to the final result.

NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART HONOR SOCIETY: Not every student is an academic. Hard work, and the development of a strong work ethic is of paramount importance. We teach those values at HC. Scholarship is an important qualification, but artistic ability and promise is vital to selection to this group. But if you are, Mrs. Benini has created wonderful opportunities for the further growth of those skills. Working in all sorts of different media, our students produce works of art that no one would ever imagine resulted from the efforts of an adolescent. And then...these gifted young men and women win medals!! Gold and Silver Key medals, that is; and every single year our HC students receive the well-deserved recognition of an accomplished young artist. Congratulations to eighth grader Giusy Z for her National Silver Key award.

TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY: Calling all master musicians in middle school....instrumentalists and choralists...come one; come all!! Mrs. Swartzentruber established our chapter of the Tri-M Honor Society a few years ago and our students are very proud to be nominated and selected for membership. We have a band and choir program second to none and well recognized in the community. One of my best ever memories is of the time we were the ONLY middle school band invited to march in the Return Day Parade four years ago. Sadly, there will be no such parade this year. Our students are held to the same high standards for membership as their peers who qualify for membership into other such elite groups. Members of the Tri-M Honor Society are given a pink cord draping the neck symbolizing their talent and musical accomplishments.

DRUM LINE: Strike up the band!! I loved listening to the practice sessions. We have all the bells and whistle in our line of percussion, and they lead the band parading down just about any street where there's a parade!

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND: The JH kids love OM. They have the opportunity to showcase their talent and skills in creative design, creative writing, problem solving, along with bringing a knack for dramatic flair, and a spirit of competition with them to the regional and statewide events. Of course, one team or two always qualifies for states, with the hope of worlds. We qualified for worlds five years ago, and our JH team was looking forward to qualifying again last year. The school closure prevented that from happening. The sad part is that it was the SAME GROUP of students who went to worlds five years ago. We all love Mrs Riecks for her commitment to OM. We're always looking for more coaches.....

SPORTS, SPORTS, AND MORE SPORTS: Our students look forward to sixth grade when they can finally try out for HCS sports teams. We field teams in volleyball, field hockey, basketball, and soccer. Fondest memories are of our superstar performances in area tournaments, as well as our undefeated seasons. An abundance of appreciation to our volunteer coaches for the countless hours, their love for the game and for the kids that they demonstrate every time our teams set foot on the playing field.

STUDENT COUNCIL: Mrs. Speed and Mrs. Bolton oversee the activities of Student Council. This year our Student Council will once again participate in service projects, and fundraising. It's a great opportunity for students to display leadership skills, public speaking skills while learning the particulars of the democratic process.

Over the years I have witnessed friendships formulated that last a lifetime. But most importantly of all, there are lessons learned, values developed, and a moral foundation that last a lifetime. Our graduates transition into high school where they stand out in a crowd, they go on to become wonderful parents and are successful in the career of their choice. Greatness begins someplace. Holy Cross is that place.

Mass on Veterans Day, November 11,
will be at 8:00 am
in the Church.

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