



# CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

October 17, 2021 29th Sunday Ordinary Time/ Respect Life Month

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

### SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

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

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm  
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Spanish  
No choirs at the Masses at the present time; a cantor will be available for the 5 pm and the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses.

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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

### CONFSSION SCHEDULE

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

### ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am—9 pm

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm  
Closed Wednesday and Friday

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

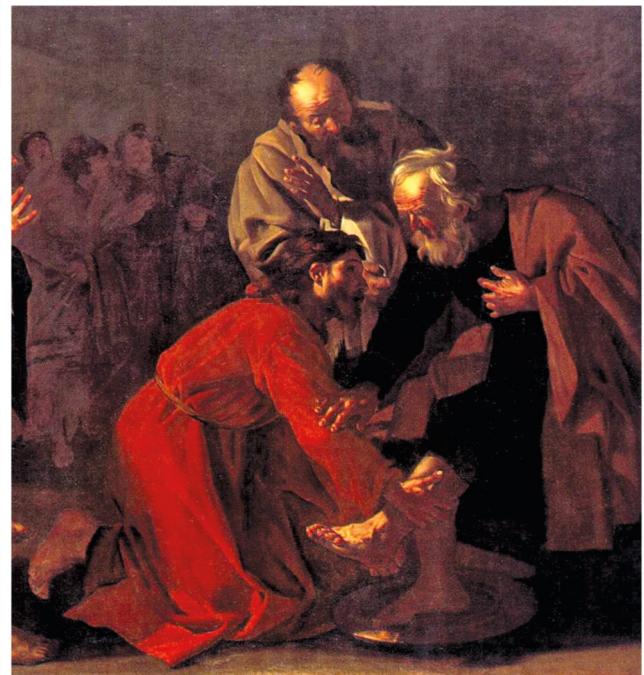
### CONFSSION SCHEDULE

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



## 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the Son of Man did not come  
to be served but to serve  
and to give his life  
as a ransom for many."  
Mt 10:45



### 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.

# happenings

## OCT 16—CAR SHOW AT ICC

Immaculate Conception will host a car show on its grounds on October 16, 2021 from 10 am to 4 pm. Entry fee is \$10/car.

## OCTOBER 24—K OF C BREAKFAST (HC)

Join us in the Parish Hall of the next K of C breakfast after the 7:30 and 9:30 am Masses. Delicious food, Great fellowship, reasonable price. See you Then.

## OCTOBER 25—SILVER ROSE (HC)

Join the Knights of Columbus on October 25 in the church to this token of appreciation to the Virgin of Guadalupe on her journey.

**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.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

October 3, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$26,446	\$26,000	\$446
YTD	\$355,780	\$361,300	(\$5,520)
Needs	\$1,797	\$1,480	\$317

## WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending October 3, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$4,111
2nd	\$243

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

We appreciate your generosity to the church.

# stewardship

Dear Parishioners,

I am going to step into the hornet's nest in this column, but that's why I get paid the big bucks. I am going to write this column on the topic of the COVID-19 vaccine. I am writing this because of the number of inquiries I get on this topic. I will give you full disclosure, that in general I am not big fan of vaccines (I never had a flu vaccine in my life), but I did take the COVID-19 vaccine last January when it was offered to me. I took it both as a preventative and a protective. So, I'm a non-vaccine fan who took this vaccine. And I did my homework before I took it. And I want to share some thoughts and some of the Church's teachings on this matter.

**Good News.** First, I will start with the good news: the vaccine does pretty much what was promised it would do. By and large, it does a great job at protecting people from, in varying degrees, getting the virus, spreading the virus, and, most importantly becoming sick, hospitalized or dead because of the virus.

**Success.** However, if you watch some of the cable news channels, you will likely think that so-called "breakthrough" viruses (i.e., when a vaccinated person gets the COVID infection) is a common occurrence, and has no different effect than if an unvaccinated person got it. Here's the skinny: So-called "breakthrough" virus are rare — how rare? A recent data table for Delaware that I saw, show "breakthrough" of the virus affecting only 0.77% of vaccinated persons (a 99.23% protection rate; I'll take those odds)! Another cites a 1 in 5000 rate. Doing some math, I found recent (as of October 4) CDC table that basically shows a rate of 0.016% of vaccinated folks getting seriously or fatally ill from a breakthrough virus. Of course, one can dispute or skew data this way or that way but the main point is that vaccinated folks are better protected. And the success of this vaccine is a very good thing.

**Objections?** But you may ask, "Isn't there a moral (faith-based) problem with taking the vaccine?" The short answer is: No there isn't. That is to say, from a point of the Catholic Church, on which the Pope and the Bishops have spoken — exercising the teaching office of the Church — there is no religious objection to someone taking the vaccine. I have heard folks assert that the vaccine somehow provides material cooperation in the procurement of abortion. However sincere the folks who make this claim are, they are sincerely wrong. (this will be addressed later in the column). Let me tell you that on the issue of abortion, for me, there is no middle ground — abortion is wrong, it is murder. That being said, this vaccine DOES NOT provide support to abortion, because if it did, I would never have taken it.

**What about Mandates.** However, what is objectiona-

ble regarding the vaccine — and not strictly on a faith basis, but on the basis of the dignity of the human person (which is part of our respecting of life) — are broad vaccine mandates (e.g., an employer or government agency saying you must take the vaccine or else). This is clearly a moral problem — it is one thing to say that there is no religious objection to the vaccine, it is an entirely other thing to say that under pain of penalty a person must submit themselves to it. This is a violation of the Church's teachings on conscience — and this teaching applies to all people. No one should be made to violate their conscience; the dignity of the human person is repelled by such a thought. This is an aspect of the COVID vaccine matter that we should all be able to agree on.

**Exemptions?** I have had several people contact me for letters of religious exemption from having to take the vaccine. Firstly, let me start by saying that even if I wrote such a letter, an employer or government agency would consign that letter to the circular file. It would mean nothing to them. Secondly, whether one chooses to believe this or not, there is not a Catholic "religious exemption" in this matter. Thirdly, if there was such an exemption, it would come from or be authorized by the Bishop, not from the local Pastor (unless the Bishop delegated that authority). Fourthly, though there isn't a religious exemption, there is, legitimately (from the Church's perspective) a conscientious objection — and the person with the objection can assert that right. To this end, I have a draft letter asserting a conscientious objection to being forced to take a vaccine which I've given to folks on request (this letter however, will likely, also, be consigned to the circular file -- but it is a legitimate assertion, whether accepted or not).

**How does the Church Address this Matter?** One of the best letters put forth by a Bishop on this matter comes from Bishop Jaime Soto of the Diocese of Sacramento. He is strongly pro-life Bishop who has personally led prayer vigils for right to life in front local abortion facilities in his Diocese. He, I think, is a sound Bishop — he teaches what the Church teaches. And in any event, in his letter to his people, on the matter of the COVID-19 vaccine, what he says is completely bound up in the Church's moral and social teachings. This letter addresses many of the concerns of Catholics regarding whether or not they should take the COVID-19 vaccine. I yield the column to Bishop Soto, who writes:

*As the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines against COVID-19 become available, it is critically important that Catholics and others have an accurate understanding of how these vaccines may be viewed from the perspective of Catholic moral teaching and tradition. The Vatican's doctrinal*

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**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

Certainly in marriage couples serve each other in various ways, and that is good. Why not mix it up this week? Do your partner's usual job or an extra task. Enjoy the change of pace.

**PARENTING POINTERS**

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed work habits, shopping, school routines, eating, and socializing. Sometimes all the precautions can get tiresome. Take a break. Try a family walk in nature this weekend. Listen, watch, appreciate.

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (NCYC) -****ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS -**

This years' NCYC will be done virtually - and a wonderful way for everyone to participate. We exchange our 12 hour bus ride for the comfort of our home and Holy Cross Parish Hall. Each participant is asked to register through the Diocese by October 15. Please visit [cdowcym.org/events/detail/ncyc-ablaze1](http://cdowcym.org/events/detail/ncyc-ablaze1) for more information and to register. We will gather as a group on Saturday, November 20 to conclude our weekend. More details to follow -

**SILVER ROSE CEREMONY**

The Knights of Columbus invite all to participate in the Silver Rose ceremony on October 25 at 7pm in the church. The Silver Rose will stop on its journey from Canada to Mexico at Holy Cross Church. All parishioners are welcome to this token of appreciation to the Virgin of Guadalupe on her journey.

**SVDP MEETING (IC)**

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

**READINGS FOR OCTOBER 24  
30TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME****FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:7-9**

The gathering of the people back to the Lord is a sign of the homecoming that God desires for each one of us.

**SECOND READING: HEBREWS 5:1-6**

Christ, the high priest, offers prayer and intercession to the Father that we might have life in its fullness.

**GOSPEL: MARK 10:46-52**

The healing of Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, is a sign of the gift of faith which alone comes from Jesus so that we may be his friends.

## FOOTPRINTS MINISTRY

The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington has announced a new ministry called Footprints, designed to assist families by providing support and resources after the loss of their unborn child (ren), whether it was very recent or many years ago. Footprints will launch with a special Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Mass on October 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Church in Wilmington, Delaware. Grieving families are invited to gather together, celebrate Mass, and surround themselves with family and friends' loving support to remember their little one(s). A light reception will follow the Mass. Reservations are required by September 30, 2021. Please register online at <https://cdow.coursestorum.com/course/pregnancy-and-infant-loss-remembrance-day-mass>. Questions may be referred to the Office for Marriage and Family Life at 302-295-0657 or by emailing Eileen Gaus, Coordinator, at [egaus@cdow.org](mailto:egaus@cdow.org).

## FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We need volunteers to man the doors of Redners on this weekend of November 5 and November 6. We will be collecting non-perishable foods from the patrons to help stock the pantry. If you would be willing to help us out, please call Kathy Lessard at 302-698-1091 or 302-270-5875.

## ST. ALBERT INITIATIVE FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The St. Albert Initiative is a half-day program on science and faith for Catholic high school students, teachers, and parents, as well as the general public (high school age and above). It will take place on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. It will feature short talks by Catholic scientists and the opportunity to meet, eat with, and ask questions of Catholic scientists in many fields and at various stages of their careers. It is free for students and \$25 for adults (but refunded for adults who bring a student). Also, teachers receive stipends plus 8 hours of professional development from Univ. of Notre Dame. Registration and additional information is available at <https://sites.google.com/view/stalbertinitiative>. The St. Albert Initiative is sponsored by the Society of Catholic Scientists (SCS). For more information about the Delaware Chapter of the SCS, please call St. Thomas More Oratory at 302-368-4728 or email Fr. Tim McIntire, OSFS, at [tmcintire@udcatholic.org](mailto:tmcintire@udcatholic.org). To learn more about the Society of Catholic Scientists, visit [catholicscientists.org](http://catholicscientists.org).

## MASS INTENTIONS

### OCTOBER

**18 MONDAY** HC 8:00 am Rv. Joseph McQuaide (LI)

**19 TUESDAY** HC 8:00 am Mark Tigani

**20 WEDNESDAY** HC 8:00 am James Holder, Jr.

**21 THURSDAY** HC 8:00 am Edward C. Partridge, Jr.  
ICC 6 pm For the People

**22 FRIDAY** HC 8:00 am Louis H. Jara

**23 SATURDAY** HC 8 am Patricia Muraszko  
HC 5 pm Robert Carson

**24 SUNDAY** HC 7:30 am Bonnie Chambers  
ICC 8:30 am Blance M. Smith  
HC 9:30 am Michael Emig  
ICC 11 am Margaret "Peggy" O'Meara  
HC 11:30 am Margaret Ward  
ICC 1 pm For the People

(*LI = LIVING INTENTION*  
*DM—DECEASED MEMBERS*)

## SECULAR DISCALCED CARMELITES

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

## CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, October 23rd, hear an interview with Ms. Kathleen Beckman, author of the book, "A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare." Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum), or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts.

**MASS MINISTERS****OCT. 23/24****HOLY CROSS****EMHC****SERVERS**

<b>5:00 PM</b>	F. Ernst P. Gerard J. Bieker	M. Macleish D. Novack	N. Kosior
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**LECTORS**

C. Cuffee

<b>7:30 AM</b>	R. O'Neill A. Wyllie M. Thompson	C. Brown J. Davis	A. Costa M. Costa
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**LECTORS**

J. Davis

<b>9:30 AM</b>	R. Wiley J. Zajac K. Boyer	D. Martinez V. Pepper	A. Torbert B. Torbert
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**LECTORS**

C. Parks

<b>1:00 PM</b>	M. Ramirez	M. Richard	C. Costes E. Cortes K. Espinosa
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**LECTORS**

N. Almengor

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

<b>8:30 AM</b>	None as-signed at this time	<b>LECTORS</b>	
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D. Smith

<b>11:00 AM</b>	None as-signed at this time	<b>LECTORS</b>	
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D. King

<b>1:00 PM</b>	A. Velezquez	D. Cui	<b>LECTORS</b>
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Attention Holy Cross liturgical ministers: If you have not responded to our request to send in updated information on which ministry you are involved with, your name, contact information, and your ministry you are involved with, please do so now so we can get you on our next schedule. If we don't hear from you, we cannot place you on the schedule. Contact M. Dornberger at 674-5787, ext 116, or email [mdornberger@holycrossdover.org](mailto:mdornberger@holycrossdover.org)

**this & that****ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)**

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

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

8 pm

**MONDAY** 3 pm**TUESDAY****WEDNESDAY** 6 am**THURSDAY** 2 pm**FRIDAY** 8 am, 11 am,**SATURDAY** 5 am, 8 am, 10 am, 11 am, 2 pm,  
7 pm**DIRECTORIES (HC)**

The Parish Directories are in the Parish Office. If you have not picked up your copy yet, please stop by the office to get your copy. It is best to please call ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it ready for you to pick up.

**CAR SHOW AT ICC**

Immaculate Conception will host a car show on its grounds on October 16, 2021 from 10 am to 4 pm. Entry fee is \$10/car.

There will be prizes give out for various categories. Food will be available for purchase.

Music will be provided by "The Godfather of New England Doo-Wop". He will be playing original vinyl recordings from the 50's and early 60's. The same tunes you heard on your radio.

Contact Bill Thompson at 302-492-8005 or Woody Gravenor at 302-779-2168 for more information.

**RECENTLY DECEASED (HC)**

Condolences to the families of *Gerald and Constance Wong, Mary Alice McKone, and Sheila Berninger*,

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

## NUESTRA FAMILIA HISPANIC

- Señor de los Milagros. Hoy nos unimos a nuestros hermanos peruanos en la celebración de la Fiesta en honor al Señor de los Milagros. Muchas felicitaciones y bendiciones.
- Octubre es el mes del santo Rosario. Por favor haga el compromiso de rezar el santo Rosario diariamente con su familia. Como de costumbre se les pide que se anote en el Nártex de la iglesia con eso confirma que está dispuesta a rezar el Rosario todos los días. El día 16 de Octubre, se rezara el Rosario como comunidad parroquial alrededor de la estatua de Nuestra Sra. Del Carmen que está ubicada en el estacionamiento delantero. Les daremos más información más adelante.
- Lavado de Autos. El sábado 23 de octubre tendremos un lavado de autos por \$20 exterior e interior, de 9:00 am a 3:00 pm en nuestra parroquia hermana de la Inmaculada Concepción, en Marydel. Tendremos ventas de comida y refresco. Si alguien quiere cooperar por favor hable con la Sra. Arline Dosman. Es para cubrir parte de la deuda de la transportación de los peregrinos a la Basílica de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington, D.C.
- Si usted está interesado en participar y compartir sus talentos como lector, música, ujier, ministros Extraordinario de la Comunión, Arte y Ambientación, dar Clases Pre-bautismales. Por favor llame a la oficina al 302-674-5787 ext. 118
- Por favor de APAGAR o silenciar los celulares y todo aparato electrónico antes de entrar al Templo, que es un lugar sagrado donde se va a tener un encuentro con el Señor nuestro Dios.
- La virgen peregrina ya está visitando casas, si usted desea tener la virgen en su casa por una semana y rezar el santo Rosario con su familia con la imagen de la virgen peregrina anótese con la Sra. Marta Espinosa. Se le entregara a imagen el domingo al final de la misa y usted la devuelve el próximo domingo en la misa para e entregara la siguiente familia.
- Todavía estamos viviendo en tiempo de una pandemia, sí, es cierto que cada año realizamos una serie de eventos tradicionales culturales en el mes de diciembre, como las devociones mariano-guadalupano en honor

a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe patrona de las Américas. Que comienza el día 3 de diciembre, con la novena a las 7:00PM donde cada día, distintas familia rezan con sus familias el santo Rosario, las mañanitas y la celebración del día 12 de diciembre, las Posadas y la misa de Nochebuena. Comprendemos que estas advocaciones son muy importantes para nuestra comunidad, debido a la restricciones no se ha concretado todos los detalles de estos eventos. Nos estaremos reuniendo para planificar lo que podemos hacer y no podemos hacer. Mientras se toman las decisiones, si usted desea la virgen uno de esos días del 3 al 11 de diciembre hable con nuestra hermana Marta Espinosa. Si desea tomar una Posada hable con la Sra. Arline Dosman Directora del Ministerio Hispano. Estamos viviendo en tiempos de mucha inestabilidad, todo puede cambiar con el cambio del promedio de casos en nuestro estado y las restricciones impuestas por las autoridades.

- Symbolon Explicación de la fe católica: conocimiento de la fe. Estamos ofreciendo una serie de videos / libros de estudio una vez más El costo es de \$ 25 para el libro del participante Parte 1 En español en la parroquia de la Santa Cruz. Con el padre Oscar y la Sra. Arline. Todos los viernes a las 6:00 - 8:00 PM de la tarde el ELC. Si está interesado hable con la Sra. Arline. En inglés en la parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción con la Sra. Alicia. Todos los lunes a las 7:00P.M.

## EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA (IC)

Las clases de catecismo comenzaron el pasado domingo 19 a las 9:40. Si todavía no ha inscrito a su hijo, ya perdió una semana de clase. Las inscripciones cierran el 15 de octubre.

Te Necesitamos: Catequistas para este año! Necesitamos catequista para el quinto grado y asistentes a catequistas. Si está interesado hable con la Sra. Alicia. Si lo está pensado esto puede ser su llamado.

Sacramentos: Preparación para la Confirmación la próxima sesión sera domingo, 14 de noviembre a las 2:30 de la tarde a 5:00 PM en el salón.

Primera Reconciliación comenzó el martes 5 de octubre. Su hijo tiene que estar inscrito para las clases de preparación.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Regular Class – October 10th at 3:30pm

Next class October 24th.

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

Dismissal from the ramp side will be as follows:

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

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

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

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)  
Class – October 10th 10:30am-12:30pm in the Matthew/Mark Room; Next class Nov. 14th.  
Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF, please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

ADULT EDUCATION – Led by Deacon Bob Bishop Robert Barron’s “The Creed”  
Beginning October 5th on Tuesdays at either 9am or 7pm for a total of six weeks in the Matthew/Mark room of the Holy Cross Parish Office. In this six week series “Bishop Robert Barron guides viewers into the depths of the Nicene Creed, a fourth-century statement of faith that has profoundly influenced Christian spirituality, theology, and liturgy in both the East and West.” To register for the series, please email Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122. When emailing, please state whether you are registering for the am or pm class. Please register by September 29th.

**Next Confirmation Classes** will be Sunday, October 24, for Sunday class and October 27 for Wednesday class.

**Youth Group - Saturday, October 23 at Tre Sorelle Golf**

**Jr. High 1-2:30 and High School 2:30-4 pm.** Cost \$7 Friends are welcome - please make sure they have a Form A with them.

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (IC)

**Classes began on Sunday, September 19th at 9:40am. Child must be registered to attend.**

**WE NEED YOU:** Catechists needed for next year! Needed for Kindergarten, and 5th grade, and assistants. Please inquire with Mrs. Poppiti as soon as possible. If you are wondering, then this may be your calling.

**Sacraments:** 1st Reconciliation Prep began on October 5th. Your child must be registered in religious education classes and registered for Preparation classes.

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

**Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained-Knowing the Faith** We are offering a video/study book series once again, for 10 Sessions that extend to approximately a 12-week time frame. You can still sign up if you are interested, please contact Alicia Poppiti to register. The cost is \$25 for Part 1 and registration is necessary in order to have your participant guide. **Presented in the Hall at ICC on Monday evenings; it began on September 27th.**

*Here is a brief description, “Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained is a stunning new video series that systematically presents the BIG picture of the Catholic Faith. Filmed on location in Rome, the Holy Land, Calcutta, and in the Augustine Institute studios in Denver, dozens of nationally known teachers clearly present the beauty and brilliance of Catholicism. This compelling series contains two parts including ten episodes each. In Part 1 we journey through the core teachings of the Catholic Church traced out in the Creed and Catechism with the goal of knowing the Faith. In Part 2, we focus on our encounter with God in the sacraments and the moral life so that we can be fully living the Faith.”*

## PRAYER SHAWL GROUP (IC)

We meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at 11 AM in the ICC Parish Hall.

Knitters & crocheters Welcome. Questions call Karen Cairns 302-382-9316

# Holy Cross School

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RERoQ1biLdE>

I share with you the link above. I encourage you to seek out that which lies within. I promise you will be blessed.

I believe it's the air brakes that make the characteristic sound that marks the safe arrival of the school buses. The normal routine is for the children to disembark the massive golden yellow vehicle, generally walking a single line, some in pairs alongside the church and continue ambling their way to the double door entry of the elementary school. It would be during that time that the golden yellow vehicle would leave school property only to return along about 2:30, in time for dismissal and safely deliver these same children back to their appointed destination. That's the routine. Every day.

Except for the exception!! There had always been one day in early October when the buses would break with routine. The drivers would indeed leave the school parking lot, but instead of returning to the bus yard, they would leave and return to the school parking lot, drive all the way back to the exit driveway, do what they do to those air-brakes, and park the bus! The drivers would wait patiently, one listening to music, another thumbing through a magazine, or maybe one driver might join the other just to shoot the breeze while they awaited the arrival of our sweet second graders to board the buses. It was the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the day when many of the Diocesan schools would send student representation to Holy Spirit Catholic Church in New Castle County to pray a rosary. The journey was a long one, but we were excited. The teachers had prepped their students well beforehand. We couldn't wait to see the enormous and colossal statue of the Blessed Mother. Bishop Malooly was going to be there. Bishop would be at the foot of the bus steps to greet all who had made the pilgrimage. At HCS, we always looked forward to this day. We were disappointed when we were unable to make our pilgrimage north last October, but we understood that it was the better part of wisdom that cancelled the event. We would make our prayers and desires known to Mother Mary in the safety of our classrooms.

This year, we were disappointed once again. But this year it was a bigger disappointment because we thought we were going to be able to go. But as we stand by and watch the turning of events and the impact it's having on the calendar, we regret that one by one cancellations are being made. Alternatives were discussed and explored, but at the end of the day the decision was to stay at school and mark the feast-day on the local level. And that we did.

The day before the scheduled prayer service was a busy one. I had requested that students meet me in the church that afternoon. We would only have time to run through things one time, because Thursday wasn't any less hectic. We were preparing to pray the Luminous Mysteries. I gave the students a little bit of a historical rundown on the

Luminous Mysteries. Everyone knows all the words, but a cold read is never easy. We had a couple of pitfalls in the practice. I encouraged them to pray the words slowly. Our congregation would include young children, it would also include some who had never prayed or even held a Rosary before. I gave them a little irony to consider....when they were young and learning to read we encouraged and prompted them to read *fluently*, with increased speed; to increase the number of words read in a minute. With time, pacing a read is a learned skill. But the idea that a fast reader is a good reader is pure fallacy.

"Pretend you are reading a story to a child, will you zip through it quickly?" I gave everyone a copy and implored them to practice that evening.

Literally, all I had was ten minutes before the service, I walked into the church as I saw all seated at the front patiently waiting. Walking down the aisle I said a prayer. "Please bless the efforts of your children, Lord"

Mrs. S. approached the podium and held the speaker close to the microphone. One lovely image after another appeared on the side wall of our Gentle Woman, our Quiet Light, our Morning Star, our Peaceful Dove, beautiful renditions of images of our Blessed and Holy Mother. The shared link is a musical offering of Hail Mary, Gentle Woman. For me, personally, it is a most comforting way to center myself prior to praying the Rosary.

As the musical offering concluded, Samantha approached the microphone and began our service with a reading of the significance of the Rosary using perfect diction. Deacon Vince lead us in the Apostles Creed, three Hail Mary's and the Glory Be. Austin expertly lead us in the first mystery, *The Baptism of Our Lord*. Priya lead the second mystery, *The Wedding in Cana*. Once again perfect pacing, perfect diction. Dana followed Priya in the third mystery, *The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God and the Call to Conversion*. I tell you, if there were butterflies the day previous, they were gone now. All three students thus far were sheer perfection. Isabella followed in the fourth mystery, *The Transfiguration*. As a prayer leader, Isabella was masterful. The fifth and final mystery, *The Institution of the Eucharist* was prayed by Hunter in a deep, perfectly paced, clearly spoken voice. My prayer had been answered. I told all who gathered how proud I was of our prayer-leaders, their flawless reading of the prayers had made our Blessed Mother very happy that afternoon. Their prayerful offering was also acclaimed by Deacon Vince.

I suppose it's true that one never realizes the treasures in life until they are gone. We are grateful to once again gather as a prayerful community.

office, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF), has determined that it is "morally acceptable" for Catholics to take these vaccines against the COVID-19 Virus. Their determination is deeply rooted in the Catholic moral tradition. A brief review of their discernment in reaching this determination will assist people as they consider use of these vaccine and other vaccines.

Vaccine development and production over the last several decades has often relied upon some cell lines that lamentably were originally developed from cells obtained from two fetuses that were aborted in the '70s and '80s. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are not dependent on these cell lines. They were developed using different technology relying on ribonucleic acid (RNA) from the virus itself. Even though the vaccines may have been tested using compromised cell lines, this does not establish a connection between the vaccine recipient and the abortion. Consequently, use of these vaccines is ethically sound.

Other vaccines in development (including AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson) have been developed from compromised cell lines. The specific moral questions are whether a recipient of these COVID-19 vaccines developed from such cell lines is morally complicit in the original abortions, and whether use of the vaccine will lead others to have abortions. According to Catholic moral teaching and tradition, it is morally unacceptable for an individual or institution to contribute to and influence an immoral act committed by another in a way that shows they approve or intend the immoral act. It is also wrong for them to contribute components that are essential to the immoral act, even if they do not intend the act of the other, and to lead others by example to engage in an immoral act.

Since it is impossible to influence an act that occurred in the past, a recipient of the COVID-19 vaccines developed from cell lines in question cannot influence or contribute to anything regarding the original abortions. Again, the mere fact that a vaccine may have been tested using these cell lines does not establish a connection between the vaccine recipient and the abortion. Furthermore, simply knowing the origin of the cell lines does not mean that one intends abortion. Thus, a recipient of the vaccine does not approve of or intend the original abortions, or materially contribute to them. Clearly, all that the recipient intends is the good preventing disease and saving lives. This includes protecting countless pregnant women from contracting COVID-19, who will be able to carry their unborn babies safely to term.

The act of receiving the COVID-19 vaccines developed from the cell lines in question does not lead others to procure abortion. The action of the recipient is not the reason why someone has an abortion, nor is it an endorsement of abortion. Furthermore, vaccine researchers and others who develop cell lines from abortion-derived cells or use such cell lines in research do not lead persons to procure abortions. Researchers who develop or use these types of cell lines do so because they either see no connection of their work to abortion and/or because of the success of the cell line for research to develop effective and safe vaccines.

On December 21, 2020, the Vatican's doctrinal office, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF), issued a statement noting it is "morally acceptable" for Catholics to take vaccines against COVID-19. Among other things, the CDF stated:

"All vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive" ... "the morality of vaccination depends not only on the duty to protect one's own health, but also on the duty to pursue the common good."

"In the absence of other means to stop or even prevent the epidemic, the common good may recommend vaccination, especially to protect the weakest and most exposed."

If some of the faithful choose not to take the vaccine for reasons of conscience, the Vatican says those persons "must do their utmost to avoid ... becoming vehicles for the transmission of the infectious agent."

I hope these reflections are helpful. Our commitment to the health and dignity of each human life compels us to be vigilant about the moral implications of medical technological developments as well as taking the necessary personal precautions, including the vaccine, to protect and care for one another. We rely on the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary so that we may be guided by the wisdom and mercy of her Son, Jesus.

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Thus concludes Bishop Soto's comments. I'll leave you with my own words: If you are asking me whether or not you should take the COVID vaccine. My response: No one should force it on you, but on balance I think it is a good thing... and if you can, with a well-formed conscience take it, then do take it. God bless you.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James Lentini  
Pastor