



CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

October 18, 2020

29th 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, Veterans 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, 7 pm, Spanish
Saturday, 9 am, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
Here I am, send me

The celebration of World Mission Day is aimed at supporting the missionary work carried out in my name by the Pontifical Mission Societies, in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples and Churches throughout the world, for the salvation of all.
~Pope Francis

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 9 am Mass on Saturday morning 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 4, 2020

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$22,845	\$28,000	(\$5,155)
YTD	\$337,526	\$386,400	(\$48,874)
Needs	\$1,408	\$1,550	(\$142)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending October 4, 2020

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$2,697
Second	\$87

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,

It's an election year. We can tell that by newspapers stories, debates, TV ads, and more lawn signs than actual voters peppering the lawns of our state, top to bottom. From "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" to Netflix's still-spoken-about "House of Cards," and from 1939's "Young Mr. Lincoln" to TV's serious side with "The West Wing" (1999-2006) and to its comic side with "Veep" (2012-2019), American's love political, civic life, in fiction as well as in real-life.

The Four Year Itch. Every four years our nation undergoes two things that we take for granted: the first is leap year, the second is an election that anticipates the peaceful transition of power. Since 1788, America has experienced that peaceful transition in a way that so much of our world has not; as I said we take this for granted but we should not. In elections so much is at stake; elections have ramifications.

Meanwhile Back in 1788. If we think our 2020 election period is somewhat wild, let's take a look at that 1788 election. First New York, Rhode Island and North Carolina were not allowed to cast electoral votes due to failure to appoint electors in a timely fashion. Only six of the remaining 10 states used popular votes to choose electors. And, only 1.8% of the population voted.

Eight is Enough! And candidates. Hokey smokes, Batman, there were eight major candidates competing! Who were they: George Washington (the winner and First President), John Adams (who went on to become 2nd President of the United States), John Jay (who went on to become 1st Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court), John Rutledge (who went on to become 2nd Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court), John Hancock (who famously signed large on the Declaration of Independence and became Governor of Massachusetts), Samuel Huntington (who went on to complete a long tenure as Governor of Connecticut), Benjamin Lincoln (who went on to become Lt. Governor of Massachusetts) and George Clinton (who went to

become Thomas Jefferson's Vice President).

College Examinations. So, what was the outcome? With 138 electoral college votes up for grabs, Washington won 69 (50%) of those votes giving him a victory, John Adams finished second with 34 (24.6%) and became the first U.S. Vice President (this is before the ratification of the 12th amendment which altered this whole process a tad). In that election four candidates who were not even candidates received electoral votes, and three electors (two from Maryland and one from Virginia) chose not to vote. Well things have changed a bit since then: several amendments changed the Vice-Presidential election process, the electoral college majority system, move the starting date of office from March to January, limited the President to two terms, and expanded the voting franchise with four different Amendments.

Meanwhile 232 Years Later. And it is 2020 and it is election season again as it does every four years. And now, another quadrennial event also unfolds: the Catholic Church speaks out and defines issues that should be important to Catholic voters; matters of morals and matters that should be important to every Catholic. Likewise, every four years, some will complain that the Church should not stick its nose into politics. However, that position misunderstands that Catholics, as Americans, are part of the political life of this nations, and that people's faith, beliefs, and values, are what forge their ideals.

So often on TV, commentators say that "we need politicians with values and ideals" – but then in the next breath say that their religion should have no part in those values and ideals. I often wonder, where do these Clem Kadiddlehopper commentators think is the sources of one's values and ideals? Do they come from a fortune cookie? Or a good round of play on the Magic 8-Ball? Of course not. The ideals and values that a leader carries with him to office must emanate from his beliefs – his beliefs about the God, about mankind's raison d'être, about the origins of

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HC & ICC CLERGY

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

HC CLERGY

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

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell Deacon

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PRO LIFE CORNER

The fall 40 Days for Life Dover event began on Wednesday, September 23rd and continues to Sunday November 1st. Please join us in prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood of Dover to help save the lives of the unborn. You may participate at your convenience and schedule. While at Planned Parenthood, please follow Governor Carney's Social Distancing Guidelines. For more information contact Donna at (862) 266-1099 or visit www.40daysforlife.com/dover.

- Life begins at conception and continues to natural death.
 - Offer your prayers for the most vulnerable, especially the elderly during this COVID-19 crisis.
- "Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court or kill you." ~Pope Francis*

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Condolences to the families of the following:

- Sarah Ann Fillat
- Frank Gallagher
- Reobert Savarese



May the Souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

READINGS FOR OCTOBER 25 30TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: EXODUS 22:20-26

An instruction to look after strangers and avoid exploiting those who are poor.

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 1:5-10

Paul praises the Thessalonians for their faith and love of God, and their good example for others.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:34-40

Jesus teaches that we are called to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

RCIA (HC)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who has an interest in the Catholic Faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is holding Zoom meetings on Sunday mornings at 9:00AM to 10:30 AM. If you are interested please send an email to Deacon Vince at vpisano@holycrossdover.org and an invitation will be sent to you to join our Zoom meeting.

VOCATIONS

Let me have the attention of you future leaders of the world; all children of all ages who are wondering how you will labor, where you will labor, and for whom. One thing is certain: you must labor. But, in whose vineyards?

Life is a transitory voyage. We all know the point of origin. The point of destination? Well. . .

Whatever trade, profession or other endeavor you follow, remember the words of the psalmist, who prays to God to lead him on his search for his vocation.

Lord God, you know me.

You know when I sit

And when I stand.

You have me always in your heart.

I thank you for this, Lord.

You know the path for my life

And what will make me happy.

Show it to me, Lord.

Bless me, guide and be my Lord,

So whatever road I choose,

I may choose it for your glory.

Amen.

Serra for priestly and religious

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

MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER

19 MONDAY

HC 6:30 am David Thomas mcGonigle, Jr.
HC 8:00 am Francis Mahar

20 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Edward J. Wyrwa

21 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am James McLaughlin

22 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Louis H. Jara

23 FRIDAY

HC 6:30 am Felix Leon
HC 8:00 am Geraldine e. Stione

24 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Rose Gabing
HC 5 pm Robert C. Sterner, Jr.

25 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Dorothy & Bill Bachman
ICC 8:30 am Marge Messner
HC 9:30 am Gary Wessel, Jr.
HC 11:30 am Joseph Wynee
ICC 11 am Teresa Canino
ICC 1 pm For the People
HC 6 pm Margie & Gino Galli

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

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.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, October 24th, Catholic Charities' Matt Hahn will discuss domestic violence. Listen to Catholic Forum online anytime at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts.

JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY MASS LIVE-STREAM
FROM THE
CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER
IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
WATCH LIVE **SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:30**
OR WATCH THE REPLAY ANYTIME
WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/DIOCESEOFWILM

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 2020

5 pm Mass

Oct 17	Dennis Dixon
Oct 24	Hazel Showell
Oct 31	Hazel Showell

7:30 am Mass

Oct 18	Rose Pritchett
Oct. 25	Donna Kilby

9:30 am Mass

Oct 18	Suzanne Ford
Oct 25	Judi Coffield

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 YEARS

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. Any of the three will make a treasured keepsake for you and your family. Sample books can be viewed at the parish office receptionist desk.

Our second order will be place the beginning of December. If you missed ordering in October, 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 are really in need of the following: roaster chickens, turkey, ham, ground beef assorted beans and rice.

The Samaritans also appreciate any monetary donations that have been sent in. Thank you for thinking of your needy brothers and sisters.

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

What Got an anniversary, a birthday, or another gift-giving occasion coming up. Try a free, but heartfelt gift - a list of things you love about your spouse. Fancy it up by putting the compliments on brightly colored papers and put in a glass jar for daily reading.

PARENTING POINTERS

Each of you choose one belonging to give to a person who has less than you. If you don't know anyone, take it to Goodwill or St. Vincent de Paul.

Las clases Pre-Bautismales se están haciendo virtual la próxima clase será el miércoles 14 de octubre, 2020 a las 7:00 pm para conectarse: ID: 830 0302 9907 y la contraseña es: BAUTIZO.

REUNION GENERAL para dialogar sobre las celebraciones para el mes de diciembre. La reunión será virtual el martes, 27 de octubre, 2020 a las 7 pm. ID:447 929 0772 y la contraseña es GUADALUPE

Octubre mes del Santo Rosario. Hoy más que nunca rezar el santo Rosario es nuestra armadura más fuerte contra el dominio de Satanás. Familias que están pasando por dificultades, cualquiera que sea, recen el Rosario diariamente. El Magisterio de la Iglesia Católica recomienda el rezo del santo Rosario ya que en sí misma resume el mensaje evangélico de salvación. Por otro lado la Virgen Santísima, cuando se ha aparecido, ha pedido que recen el Rosario. Como es sabido, el 13 de mayo de 1917, en su primera aparición en Fátima, dijo: "Rezad el Rosario todos los días para alcanzar la paz del mundo y el fin de la guerra"; y en su última aparición en ese lugar la Madre de Dios se presentó como la "Señora del Rosario". Aquí tienen una reseña historia de la devoción al rezo del santo Rosario.

¿Por qué en el mes de octubre esta devoción mariana? La dedicación del mes de octubre al rezo del santo Rosario tiene un origen histórico. Los cristianos vencieron a los turcos en la batalla naval de Lepanto el 7 de octubre de 1571. Sabían que si perdían esta batalla su religión podía peligrar, motivo por el que, alentados por el romano pontífice san Pío V, acudieron a la intercesión de la Santísima Virgen rezándole el santo Rosario. Por ese motivo, y en agradecimiento a María Santísima, dicho papa instituyó la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de las Victorias, que se celebraría cada 7 de octubre. Poco más tarde el papa Gregorio XIII cambió el nombre de la fiesta por el de

Nuestra Señora del Rosario. Origen y significado de la devoción mariana del santo Rosario Pero **¿qué es el santo Rosario?** Las culturas romana y griega para ellos, el sustantivo "rosario" significaban corona de rosas. Inspiradas en ese proceder, las mujeres cristianas que eran llevadas al martirio por los romanos marchaban por el Coliseo –donde iban a morir– con sus cabezas adornadas de coronas de rosas, significando la alegría y la entrega de sus corazones al ir al encuentro de Dios. Finalizada la matanza, los cristianos recogían sus coronas y, por cada rosa, recitaban una oración o un salmo rezando por el eterno descanso de las almas de las mártires asesinadas. Así nació la costumbre de rezar el santo Rosario. En un inicio consistía en recitar los 150 salmos de David, pues era considerada una oración sumamente agradable a Dios y fuente de innumerables gracias para aquellos que la rezaran. Ahora bien, esta recomendación sólo la seguían las personas cultas que conocían esos salmos, pero no la mayoría de los cristianos. Por lo tanto, Iglesia sugirió que quienes no supieran leer sustituyeran los 150 salmos por 150 Avemarías, divididas en quince decenas. A esa oración se le llamó "salterio de la Virgen". Al principio constaba de quince "misterios" que recordaban momentos –gozosos, dolorosos y gloriosos– de la vida de Jesús y de María. En el año 2002 san Juan Pablo II añadió los misterios luminosos, en memoria de la vida pública del Señor.

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 Immaculada Concepción: Domingo 8:30 am, 11:00 am - 1:00 de la tarde en español y 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 November 1, 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@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 to discuss available options.

LAFF (LIVING AS A FAMILY OF FAITH)

November 8th 10:30-12:30 in the Matthew/Mark Room Interested in enrolling your family in LAFF, please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122 to discuss available options.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES (HC)

Our next Confirmation class takes place Sunday, October 18 or Wednesday, October 21, in the Junior High Building. If your child is not registered, please contact Linda Darling for paperwork.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (HC)

We will be meeting on Sunday, October 25 from 6-8 pm in the back field. We will enjoy a bonfire, hot dogs and smores, and reconnect. Please bring a chair and your mask. Friends welcome - please remind them they need a Form A - on Holy Cross website under Youth Ministry.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP (HC)

We will be meeting on Saturday evening, November 7 from 6-7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. We will be packing bags for the homeless. Please start collecting donations now - small waters, trial size shampoo and body wash, mints and gum, socks, hand sanitizer and wet wipes, cereal bars, band aids, and disposable masks. Snack will be provided at the end for you to take with you, so please eat dinner before you come. Remember your mask.

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 rela-

tionships, 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 if you are interested in attending so she may get you registered: ldarling@holycrossdover.org .

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

We continue with Student book pick up following each Mass, on Sunday.

Please come to the designated area (depending on weather) and pick up your students book bag.

Only one parent is needed to get materials. Students that are registered will receive their books. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Alicia Poppiti, Director of Religious Education at 410-482-6392 or send me an email to dre@iccmarylodel.org

2020/21 FIRST RECONCILIATION/ COMMUNION (ICC)

Our second session will be on Tuesday, October 20th, please see Ms. Alicia today, or call office, if you have not registered or missed

CONFIRMATION 2020-2021 (ICC)

Our first Prep session is today Sunday, October 18th, 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.

**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL
AFTER-CARE PROGRAM
HELP NEEDED**

The After-Care Program at Holy Cross School provides a safe, nurturing environment, as well as organized activities for students in grades Pre-K thru 8. Activities include homework completion, indoor and outdoor play, arts and crafts, and games.

Interested parties must have experience working with young children. Background check will be required.

The hours for this position are from 2:30-5:30 pm each school day.

****Our After-Care space is fully aligned with all mandates and restrictions associated with Coronavirus protocol. ****

Please call 302-674-5787, ext. 111 if interested in obtaining additional information.




It has been said that behind every great man stands a great woman. I don't know for how long that adage has been in existence. I don't know how true it is... although I highly suspect there being more truth than fiction lying in those words. There is always the unsung hero, the hidden support, the trusted one, the loved one who requires no more than ...I can't think of the word to fill in that blank because it's this person who requires *nothing* in return for being a reliable source of support for another human being; regardless of that human being's gender.

Allow me to put all of this in the right perspective. She's been called Mrs. Stan, Mrs. Stand, and Mrs. Stamp. Her first name is often misspelled, and her maiden name was mispronounced for practically the whole of her life. (You can ask her about that one.) I know her as Mrs. Karyn Stant.

I can remember one afternoon I was outside doing my car duty aimlessly looking about the parking lot willing the parents to show up to pick up their kids when for some reason my eyes landed on Mrs. Stant with her three boys standing alongside their white Traverse. She was piling all the backpacks, athletic gear, and who knows what else into the back. Although I had known the family for many years, she and I had never met one another, except for one time. "Mrs. Pollitt...my mom's here" said one of my eighth graders as I stood remembering the afternoon way back when Mrs. Kirby and I were Student Council moderators. The Stant family had made a generous donation to the Student Council and we wanted to show our appreciation. Andrew, Mrs. Stant's oldest son was in first grade. We couldn't figure out a way to get the Stant family into school, so we asked Mrs. Pate (Andrew's teacher) to call them in that afternoon. Somehow or other, it was misconstrued and the Stants thought that Andrew was in some sort of trouble. They were very anxious and concerned when Mrs. Kirby and I showed up with gobs of gifts for their soon to be expected number two son who we now call Jake. That was my very first ever meeting with Mrs. Stant, and our paths never crossed again for many years.

Today she is a *constant* in my life. She is one to whom I turn at every turn. She knows a lot about everything. Mrs. Stant is a true authority on healthy eating habits and healthy living in general; she's a great cook, she loves to bake, and she refuses to eat any of her creations (I find that just infuriating), she loves to entertain, she loves her family, she loves her faith and is truly a faith-filled woman. She leads by her actions, and without ever knowing or realizing is an inspiration for all. She is the best efficiency expert I have ever known and has helped me out of more technological quandaries than I can recall. She is our Powerschool administrator which is a full-time job all unto itself; she cheerfully tends to every single demand in the office, she maintains my calendar, but most importantly of all she puts up with me and all of my temperamental ways. And yet, there's still one more thing!! She has a lovely singing voice, knows every song imaginable and possesses an uncanny knack for associating a particular tune with any given situation. She's known for launching into spontaneous song at the drop of a hat.

There is one thing about Mrs. Stant that I haven't mentioned and it is the one thing I admire about her the most. She has raised three remarkable sons. She will tell you that it has been the most arduous task of her life, ("mommin' ain't easy!) while being the most rewarding. Andrew, Jake, and Ethan, it was my distinct pleasure to teach all three. They are kind and personable young men, all possessive of the admirable work ethic they learned from their mom. She is the best mom I have ever seen. Andrew is a 2020 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and has most recently received his orders for technical training in Texas. "But, don't worry mom, I'll be home for Christmas!" She was so pleased to hear the good news. As a sophomore, her second son Jake is attending college in Kentucky with a concentration in Sports Medicine while maintaining full time employment. A real go-getter, Jake is. Ethan, her youngest is also a sophomore; however his second year is being spent in one of the local high schools. An honor student, Ethan is a very skilled and successful soccer player. Ethan has been playing soccer since his toddler years, and today he plays for a travel team out of Pennsylvania. Many are the late nights when Mrs. Stant and Ethan are traveling the highways and byways after a practice session in PA. If Ethan isn't found coaching his cousin Addison in all the refinements of soccer, then have a look at one of the local ponds, rivers, or streams. You'll find Ethan casting his line, more than likely using the bait he created himself at the work station his mom fashioned for him and is found in the family garage. An avid angler, Ethan is looking to study Marine Science in college.

Mrs. Stant answered her call to serve during the same year I entered administration. She is the monarch of multi-tasking. It's been such a pleasure to work with her, to laugh with her, to break bread with her, and to watch her navigate through her eventful, sometimes hectic, but always fulfilling life.

We all call her Mrs. Stant, she answers that call, literally, a thousand times on any given day. We thank God for the blessing that she is in our lives.

*Lend me your ears and I'll sing you a song
And I'll try not to sing out of key
Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends....
Hit it, Mrs. Stant!!!!*

created being, etc. Thus, from our faith perspective, Catholics, and their Catholic beliefs (in a nation with freedom religion) have a place in the public square, and Catholic have no less of a right to express their views than anyone else. Likewise, the Church speaks out, not usually on candidates, but rather commonly on issues of importance to the faithful.

Life Savers. Unless you've been under a rock for the last 2,000 years, you'll know that the issue of respecting human life is always a pivotal issue for Catholics; this year is no different. The United State Conference of Catholic Bishops noted in a recent document, *"The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed."* To this, the caveat is added, *"The bishops do not tell Catholics how to vote; the responsibility to make political choices rests with each person and his or her properly formed conscience, aided by prudence. This exercise of conscience begins with always opposing policies that violate human life or weaken its protection."*

So, what are the issues?

This is a good breaking point where I will continue in next week's pastor's column. I will start with a statement from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops regarding issues that should be of concern to Catholics. Stay tuned.

Until then, keep praying.

Yours in Christ,
 Rev. James Lentini
 Pastor

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