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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

October 23, 2022 30th 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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

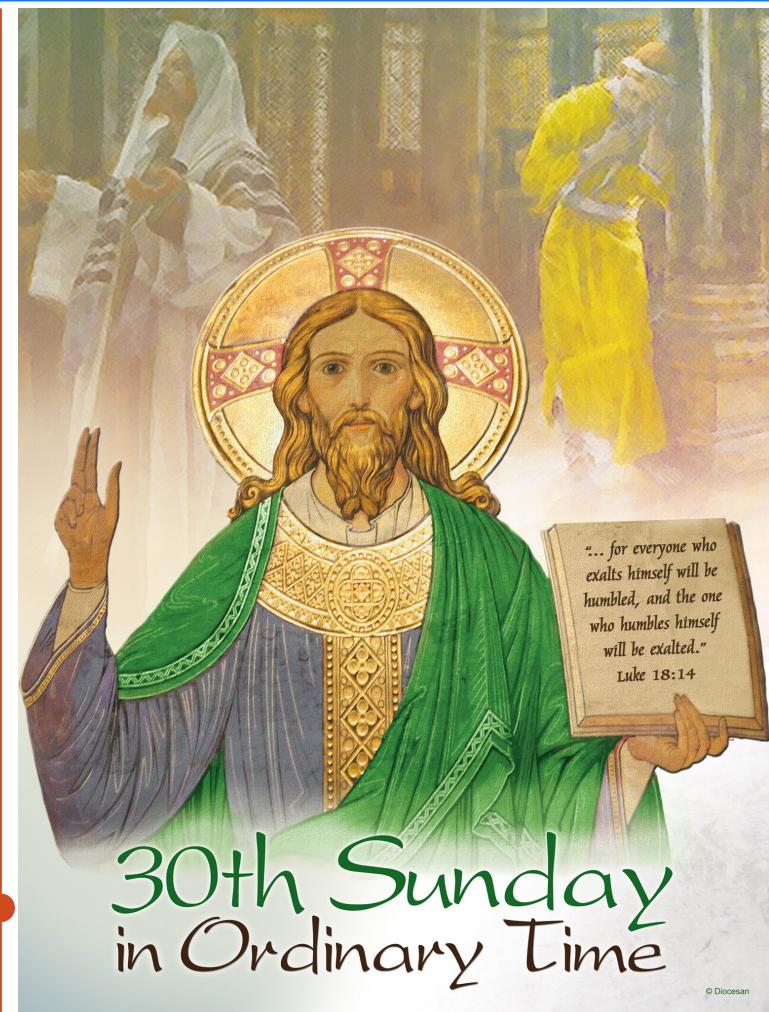
Monday-Saturday, 8 am
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day)

CONFSSION SCHEDULE

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

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am—9 pm



ICC

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

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 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.

MASS BOOK FOR 2023

The Mass Book for 2023 will open on November 1. Due to the reduced number of Masses we are currently offering, we must restrict the number of requests. Please see below:

1. You can request ONLY 3 Masses and payment of \$10 per Mass is required at the time of the request.
2. Requests MUST be written out providing your name, phone number, email, maximum three requests listing date and time of request (with alternative dates) and with person's name (remember intention can be for one person or members of same family only for the intentions). We will do our best to honor your request. *Please note we are only offering the 8 am Masses Monday through Saturday (8:15 on Wednesdays), 5 pm Saturday Mass, Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am Spanish Masses.*
3. Requests will be taken Monday through Fridays, 8:30 am to 2 pm only.
4. Requests for the Church tabernacle candle or Adoration Chapel candle can also be made. \$10 per request. Limit one request per person.

Please call the office with
any questions.

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 9, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$26,229	\$27,300	(\$1,071)
YTD	\$372,317	\$402,600	(\$30,283)
Needs	\$1,491	\$1,604	(\$113)

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending October 9, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	\$3,259
Second Collection	\$306

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Dear Parishioners,

With election day coming up, I went back into my file of pastor's columns to see what I had written on this topic before. Amazingly enough, much of what I wrote in the past is just as applicable to today. Catholic values are timeless. So, like the workers on TV's This Old House, rather than building a new house, I decided to remodel the old one — hence I re-worked some past writings and got this week's column. To wit:

Mr. Smith, etc. It's an election year with mid-term congressional, and state elections on the agenda. We can tell this by number of newspapers stories, debates, TV ads, and lawn signs — in greater number than actual voters — peppering the lawns of our state, and nation, top to bottom. From "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" to Netflix's "House of Cards," and from 1939's "Young Mr. Lincoln" to TV's drama "The West Wing" (1999-2006) and to its comedy "Veep" (2012-2019), American's love political, civic life, in fiction as well as in real-life.

Of Stuck Noses and Jerked Knees. As it always has, 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. As it does that, some, in knee-jerk reaction, 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 nation, and that people's faith, beliefs, and values, are what forge their ideals.

Values. 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, what do these Clem Kadiddlehopper commentators think is the source of one's values and ideals? Do they come from a fortune cookie? Do they come from good round of play on the Magic 8-Ball? Do they come the shelves of the now-defunct Value City store? Of course not. The ideals and values, that a leader carries with him to office must emanate from his beliefs — his beliefs about God, about mankind's *raison d'être*, about the origins of created being, etc. Thus, from our faith perspective, Catholics, and their Catholic beliefs (in a nation with freedom of 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 on candidates, but rather most 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 respect-

ing human life is always a pivotal issue for Catholics; this year is no different. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops noted in a 2016 document called *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, that "*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? The following is an excerpt from a statement from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops regarding issues that should be of concern to Catholics (below I note the top five policy goals):

As Catholics, we are led to raise questions about political life other than those that concentrate on individual, material well-being. We focus more broadly on what protects or threatens the dignity of every human life. Catholic teaching challenges voters and candidates, citizens and elected officials, to consider the moral and ethical dimensions of public policy issues. In light of ethical principles, we bishops offer the following policy goals that we hope will guide Catholics as they form their consciences and reflect on the moral dimensions of their public choices:

- *Address the preeminent requirement to protect human life—by restricting and bringing to an end the destruction of unborn children through abortion and providing women in crisis pregnancies with the supports they need. End the following practices: the use of euthanasia and assisted suicide to deal with the burdens of illness and disability; the destruction of human embryos in the name of research; the use of the death penalty to combat crime; and the imprudent resort to war to address international disputes.*
- *Protect the fundamental understanding of marriage as the life-long and faithful union of one man and one woman as the central institution of society; promote the complementarity of the sexes and reject false "gender" ideologies; provide better support for family life morally, socially, and economically, so that our nation helps parents raise their children with respect for life, sound moral values, and an ethic of stewardship and responsibility.*

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WEDNESDAY MASS TIME TO CHANGE

**Beginning on Wednesday,
November 16,** the Wednesday morning Mass will be held at

8:15 am. We are switching to this new time on **Wednesdays only** to allow the school children to attend the morning Mass on Wednesdays. All other weekday morning Masses will remain at 8 am.

NEW YORK TENORS ARE COMING TO WILMINGTON!

The Diocese of Wilmington will present The Magic of Christmas with the world-famous New York Tenors at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11, at Salesianum High School in Wilmington. Event proceeds will support the work of Catholic Charities.

The public is invited to experience memorable music, moments and magic through the vocal artistry of the New York Tenors, Andy Cooney, Daniel Rodriguez and Christopher Macchio, as they take audiences on a truly entertaining holiday journey.

A meet-and-greet with Wilmington's Bishop William E. Koenig and the New York Tenors will be held after the show. For show tickets, sponsorship information, and meet-and-greet tickets, contact Andrea Rotsch at 302-573-3120 or arotsch@cdow.org. Tickets may be purchased online at WilmingtonDiocese.simpletix.com.

SAVE THE DATE:

The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on World Marriage Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 1 pm at Saint Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, Delaware. The Mass coincides with National Marriage Week, February 7 through 12. For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage and Family Life 302-295-0657 or egaus@cdow.org

31ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (OCT 30)**FIRST READING: WISDOM 11:22—12:2**

Our patient God is a lover of life, whose spirit fills all things

SECOND READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 1:11—2:2

Paul prays that God will make us worth of our call.

GOSPEL: LUKE 19:1-10

Zacchaeus meets Jesus, who comes to seek out and save those who are lost.

SODALITY

The Sodality Ministry will hold its first meeting on Sunday, October 30, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. It will be held in the St. Luke room of the Early Learning Center building. We welcome all who are interested in joining the Sodality to attend this meeting.

SAMARITANS

We are asking for food donations to provide balanced meals to families needing assistance: (small packs of ground beef, small tray pack/whole chicken, small beef/pork roasts, Peanut Butter/Jelly, canned Corn, Spaghetti/Sauce) We have a freezer and drop box inside the left door in the building behind the Rectory (unlocked 6AM-6PM)
Thank you for your donations.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING FOR NEW AND CURRENT SERVERS

If you feel you would like to serve at the Altar of the Lord, please consider being an Altar Server.

Qualifications are that you are in the 4th grade or higher, received the Sacraments of First Communion and you are a practicing Catholic.

If you are a current Altar Server and would like to continue serving, this is a required refresher/training course you will need to sign up as well.

Available training date is Saturdays October 29th, 10am – 2pm

Application forms are available in the Parish Office. All forms must be received no later than Wednesday, October 24th. If you have any questions please call the Parish Office (302-674-5785, ext. 110)



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!! Get away for an intimate weekend – no group sharing required. We would love more couples to attend the next weekend, November 11-13, 2022 at the Brighton Suites in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For information or to register, visit our website <http://www.wwme.org> or call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER

24 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am Margaret Dougherty (LI)

25 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Joe Danner

26 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am Paul Costa

27 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Sister Mary Elizabeth
ICC 6:00 pm For the People

28 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Lida Smith

29 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Carmen Fuski, Jr.
HC 5 pm Jensen Reed

30 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Heather Cabibbo
ICC 8:30 am Cathy White
HC 9:30 am Katie Fortier
ICC 11 am Rosemary Vasquez
HC 11:30 am Katherine Leathem-Khun
ICC 1 pm For the People

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

RETRouveille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of October 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

HOLY CROSS OCT 29/30, 2022

	EMHC		SERVERS
5:00 PM	D. Darling L. Darling	F. Ernst D. Field	G. Coyle M. Coyle L. Curley
			LECTORS
		J. Davis D. Dixon	
7:30 AM	J. Davis A. Fischer	J. Fischer R. Fritzsche	A. Costa E. Costa M Costa
			LECTORS
		R. Pritchett	
9:30 AM	K. Canfield L. Olmstead	B. Whitworth R. Wiley	A. Torbert B. Torbert C. Torbert
			LECTORS
		S. Crossen M. Sossich	
11:30 AM	C. Garcia B. Guzman	A. Luna	K. Espinosa C. Geronimo
			LECTORS
		A. Luna	
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION			
8:30 AM	J. Moore		LECTORS
		T. Woodeshick	
11:00 AM	G. Taraila		LECTORS
		D. King	
1 PM	To be determined		

Are YOU interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Holy Cross or to the sick and homebound.? We'd love to have YOU step forward to serve in one of these ministries!!!

Training sessions will be on Monday, Oct 24, at 6 pm or Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 1:30 pm in the Church. Please call the Parish Office to sign up for either class.

If you are a current EMHC and have not taken the renewal course, please call the office to sign up for one of these session. You must take the class to continue serving as an EMHC.

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ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

Can you spare an hour to spend with Jesus? Our Adoration Chapel is open from 5 am to 9 pm Monday through Sunday. We have openings where you can spend quality time with Our Lord. Call Joann Pate today at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you.

SUNDAY	6 am, 4 pm, 5 pm, 8 pm
TUESDAY	6 am, 3 pm, 8 pm
FRIDAY	1 pm
SATURDAY	12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

SWITCH TO eGIVING (HC)

Looking for a good stewardship habit? Try eGiving – it streamlines your generosity and lets you do even more to help Church of the Holy Cross grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. You can make the switch today! Signing up is easy from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and you can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish throughout the year, and provide consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for church families and for those in need in our community. Sign up today by visiting Faith.Direct/DE251, or text 'Enroll' to (Text-to-Give Number). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, October 29th, learn about the great work of the Delaware Knights of Columbus when Rick Johnson, Delaware State Deputy, is the guest. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts.

FOOTPRINTS

The Footprints Ministry, the Diocesan Miscarriage Ministry, offers resources for families on their journey after the loss of their unborn child, whether it was very recently or many years ago. We aid mothers, fathers, couples, and families with support, education, and compassion by providing books, guidance, and resources on the website www.cdow.org.

- El Foro Cristiano todos los viernes de 6:00 – 8:00 de la tarde en el salón Mateo/Marcos. hasta el 2 de junio tendremos la formación es para toda la familia. Este año el curso será sobre Signos, símbolos, sacramentos y sacramentales.
- Las parroquias gemelas de la Inmaculada Concepción y la Santa Cruz invitan al gran Retiro de Adviento “ Preparemos el Camino al Señor” El facilitador será el renombrado escritor y predicador Salvador Gómez el sábado, 12 de noviembre de 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM en el Gimnasio de la parroquia de la Santa Cruz. 631 South State St. Dover DE 19901
- Donación es de \$50.00 incluyendo el almuerzo. Tendremos cuidado de niños. Ya están disponibles los boletos para Asistir al Retiro de Adviento para obtener su boleto hable con los líderes de las parroquias.
- En Octubre observamos la Fiesta del Santo Rosario establecida el 7 de octubre de 1573, en celebración de la Gran Victoria Milagrosa contra la invasión de los Turcos, una victoria ganada por la CRUZADA DEL ROSARIO, del Papa San Pio V que unió a toda Europa en oración. Únanse a nosotros en el rezo del Rosario durante este periodo por las intenciones de la Paz Mundial y la Conversión de los Pecadores. Por favor, tome un momento y firme el formulario y colóquelo en la canasta de Nuestra Señora Ubicada en el Nártex de nuestra iglesia.
- LA ROSA DE PLATA Comparta el mensaje de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y promueva el respeto por la vida a través de esta devoción significativa iniciativa de los Caballeros de Colón y que estará en nuestra Diócesis desde el 16 de octubre al 5 de noviembre y estará en nuestra parroquia, el 30 de octubre y la Comunidad Hispana este año será la anfitriona. Tendremos el Rezo del Santo Rosario después de la Misa de las 11:30. Se les invita a rezar el Santo Rosario. Cada año, desde principios de marzo hasta mediados de diciembre, los consejos custodian las Rosas de Plata a lo largo de los trayectos de Canadá a México. Cada parada que hace la Rosa de Plata durante la peregrinación es un momento centrado en el rosario, para que los Caballeros de Colón, los feligreses y los miembros de la comunidad recen por el respeto a la vida, por la renovación espiritual de cada nación y por el avance del mensaje de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
- Gracias a todos los que ayudaron a cubrir y a arreglar el Templo durante la construcción del techo.
- Es muy importante inscribir a sus hijos a tiempo para la Educación Religiosa. Las Inscripciones para la Educación Religiosa y Preparación para la Confirmación (HC - 2023) Las aplicaciones para inscribirse para la Preparación para la Confirmación 2023 se pueden encontrar en el sitio web de la parroquia en holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christianformation/k-8-formation. Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, no dude en comunicarse con Tammy Korosec en tkorosec@holycrossdover.org o llame al (302) 674-5787 X 122
- Si usted está interesado en participar y compartir sus talentos como lector, ministerio de música, ujier, ministros Extraordinario de la Comunión, Arte y Ambientación, dar Clases Pre - bautismales. Por favor hable con los coordinadores de los ministerios o llame a la oficina al 302-674-5787 ext. 118

ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

- Las Clases de Educación Religiosa son los domingos por la mañana, desde el 25 de septiembre hasta el 7 de mayo, de 9:40 a 10:50 a.m. Póngase en contacto con Alicia Poppiti @ 410-482-8939 o dre@iccmarydel.org para obtener más información. Las inscripciones ya están disponibles.
- PRIMERA RECONCILIACION: Tercera Sesión para niños es el martes 1 de noviembre, a las 6:30pm en el salón, la clase termina a las 7:30pm . Se su hijo no está inscrito por favor comuníquese con la Sra. Alicia Poppiti
- CONFIRMACION DE JOVENES: Primera Sesión es hoy domingo, 23 de Octubre . a las 2:30pm en el salón, si su hijo no está inscrito comuníquese con la Sra. Alicia Poppiti.
- Inscríbase para ir a Mount 2000 cupo es limitada.

faith formation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Next class is 10/23/22 at 3:00—5:00 pm.

Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Registration forms available at <https://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation>

If you have any questions contact Tammy Korosec Early L either 302-674-5787 x122 or tkorosec@holycrossdover.org

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)

Next class November 6 at 10:30 am in the Matthew/Mark Room in the Early Learning Center.

Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF? Contact Tammy Korosec.

ADULT FORMATION (HC)

What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Church. Discover the Amazing Riches of the Catholic Faith

Sessions started September 20th and end November 22nd ; Tuesdays at either 9:00am or 7:00pm in the Matthew/Mark room in the ELC.

Fee: \$30 includes study guide, book, map, and 1 year digital access

Facilitated by Deacon Bob McMullen

If are interested in registering please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122 as soon as possible.

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR (ONLINE)

In English: Father Mike Schmitz

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes>

In Spanish: Fray Sergio Serrano

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-espanol-registration>

CONFIRMATION AT HOLY CROSS

Confirmation Class:

Sunday, Oct. 23 3:30-5 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 26 6-7:30 pm

Confirmation Retreat:

Reminder to parents - permission slips are

due. Please send them to the Religious Education office or email to ldarling@holycrossdover.org

MOUNT 2000:

This retreat for high school teens will take place Feb. 3-5 at Mt. St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD. Please join us for a great weekend put on by the seminarians at Mount. Cost is \$100 per person if you register by October 31. Please contact Linda Darling for the link to register. ldarling@holycrossdover.org

Catholic Heart Work Camp:

We will be traveling to Drexel Hill, PA this coming June 25-30, 2023. First Come-First Going. Please let Linda Darling know your desire to attend to reserve your spot. 12th grade welcome to join us next summer.

SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Religious Education classes run Sunday mornings from September 25th thru May 7th, 9:40am-10:50am.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Alicia Poppiti @410-482-8939 or dre@iccmarydel.org for more information. If you have any difficulty with affording RE, please call Alicia Poppiti, and the office can assist you.

First Reconciliation Immaculate Conception:

Session 3 for children is on Tuesday, November 1st beginning promptly at 6:30pm in the Church Hall, class ends at 7:30pm. If your child is not registered, please contact Alicia Poppiti, 410-482-8939

Youth Confirmation for Immaculate Conception:

First Session is today Sunday, October 23rd at 2:30-5pm in the Parish hall. If your youth is not registered, please contact Alicia Poppiti, 410-482-8939.

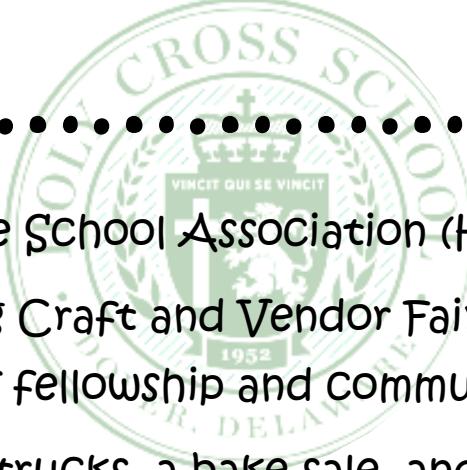
Sign up for Mount 2000 is closing quickly, please contact Alicia Poppiti to sign up, spaces are limited.



NOVEMBER 19, 2022

Where: Holy Cross School

When: 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM



The Holy Cross Home School Association (HSA) is excited to announce an upcoming Craft and Vendor Fair. Come join us for a day of fellowship and community!

There will be food trucks, a bake sale, and 20 themed gift baskets up for grabs in our silent auction.

calling all
vendors

If you are interested in renting space to sell at our craft/vendor fair, or donate baked goods for the fair, please email HSA at hsa@holycrossdover.org

*All proceeds from space rental, silent auction, and bake sale
will benefit Holy Cross School.

- Achieve comprehensive immigration reform that offers a path to citizenship, treats immigrant workers fairly, prevents the separation of families, maintains the integrity of our borders, respects the rule of law, and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries.
- Help families and children overcome poverty and ensure access to and choice in education, as well as decent work at fair, living wages and adequate assistance for the vulnerable in our nation, while also helping to overcome widespread hunger and poverty around the world, especially in the policy areas of development assistance, debt relief, and international trade.
- Ensure full conscience protection and religious freedom for individuals and groups to meet social needs, and so enable families, community groups, economic structures, and government to work together to overcome poverty, pursue the common good, and care for creation.

The document goes on to promote other policy goals including providing health care that respects human life and religious liberty; opposing policies that reflect prejudice; working together for the common good; establishing moral limits relating to the use of military force; and pursuing peace. The full text of this document, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, is available at the Immaculate Conception Parish website at www.iccmarydel.org/citizenship.

When You Least Expect It, You're Elected. Catholic politicians and legislators are part of this equation, too. Thus, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says, regarding those who stand for public office: "*Catholic politicians and legislators must recognize their grave responsibility in society to support laws shaped by these fundamental human values and oppose laws and policies that violate life and dignity at any stage from conception to natural death.*" They (and all of us) are also reminded about what the foundational issues of the day are, to wit: "Human life is sacred... Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. In our society, human life is especially under direct attack from abortion... euthanasia and assisted suicide (sometimes falsely labelled as 'death with dignity'), human cloning, in vitro fertilization, and the destruction of human embryos for research."

Voting and Values. As noted previously, "*The bishops do not tell Catholics how to vote,*" so, too, I, do not advise you as to how to vote either. However, I do advise you to be informed, to allow your conscience to be formed by your faith, and to then vote your conscience — a conscience informed by your faith — keeping the values, teachings and beliefs of our Church in your heart.

A Litany of Things to Pray For. As always, as we prepare for election time, we are called – as we are in all things in life – to prayer. A saint who is a great intercessor in this area is St. Thomas More — the patron saint of our former local Catholic high school and also patron saint of politician and statesmen. St. Thomas More had served as Chancellor of England and rejected King Henry VIII's attempts to control the Church; he resigned and was sentenced to execution for his resistance. His last words: "I am the king's good servant, but God's first." Canonized in 1922, he is the Patron Saint of Politicians and Statesmen. And so, bringing your prayers to this saint and seeking his intercession is especially appropriate as we head towards election day. A few years back, Bishop Michael Saltarelli, the Eighth Bishop of Wilmington, promulgated "The Litany of St. Thomas More," — a Litany that asks that "our Statesmen, Politicians, Judges and Lawyers... may be courageous and effective in their defense and promotion of the sanctity of human life." This litany is available at the Immaculate Conception Parish website at www.iccmarydel.org/more.

Final Thoughts. After much reading daily about the candidates, the elections, the claims, the counter-claims, and hearing the talking heads of TV drone on about the upcoming election, I think I'll take a mental and spiritual health break. Maybe, having a Big Mac dinner, a shake, while watching the DVD of "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" will be just the balm I need to recharge my own battery. That, along with prayer – especially to St. Thomas More, patron saint of statesmen and politicians – and I will be focused and ready to vote as a follower of Jesus Christ, as a faithful Catholic. God bless America!

Yours in Christ,
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