



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

October 25, 2020

30th 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)

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Friday 9 am-noon, closed Wednesday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

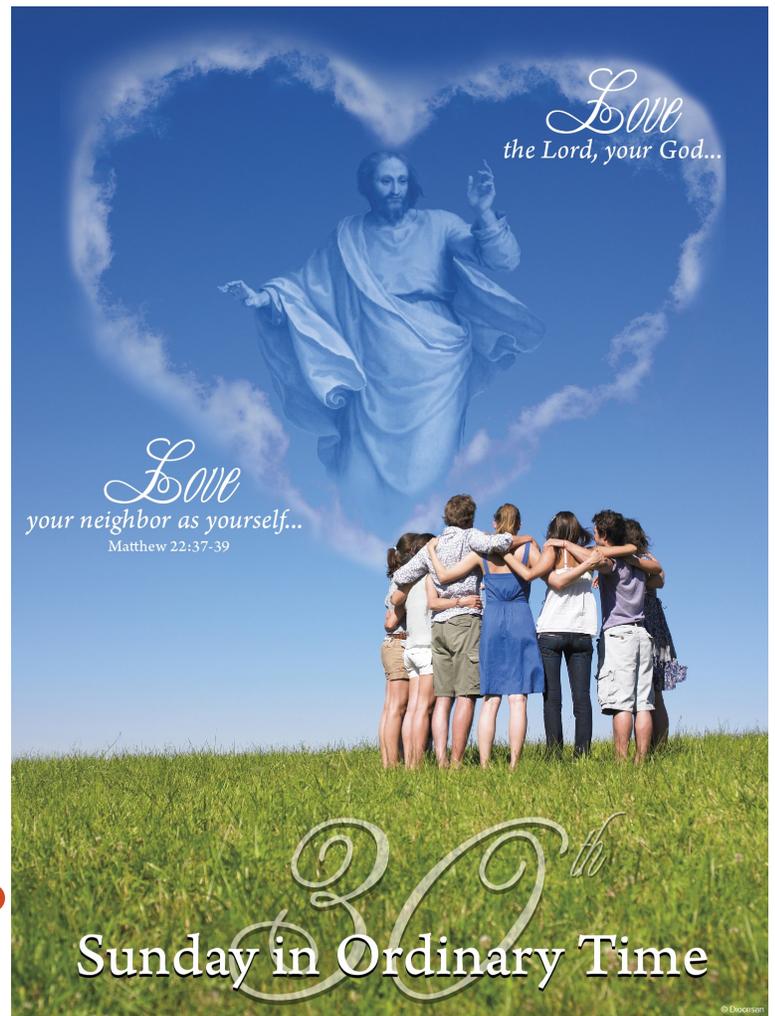
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 7 pm, Spanish
Saturday, 9 am, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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



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

iccmaryl.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 11, 2020

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$29,931	\$28,000	(\$5,069)
YTD	\$360,457	\$414,400	(\$53,943)
Needs	\$1,237	\$1,550	(\$313)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending October 11, 2020

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$3,472
Second	\$244

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:

This column is a continuation from last week's Pastor Column that began speaking about this election year.

So, what are the issues? The following is 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 goal):

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.*
- *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.*

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 issue(s) of the day are, to wit: *“Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. 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, which some political actors mischaracterize as an issue of ‘women’s health.’ Other direct threats to the sanctity of human life include 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 with the teaching of the Church, I, too, do not advise you as to how to vote. However, I do advise you to be informed, to allow your conscience to be formed by your faith, and to then vote your 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 prayer that is especially significant during these days ahead, is one that was established a few years back and given approbation by Bishop Michael A. Saltarelli, D.D., the 8th Bishop of Wilmington.

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HC & ICC CLERGY

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

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Msgr. Daniel McGlynn Pastor Emeritus
 Mr. Philip Belt Deacon
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 Mr. Scott Peterson Deacon
 Mr. Vincent Pisano Deacon

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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*

MEMORIAL MASS

This year we will not be offering a separate Memorial Mass as we have done in years past. We will mention the names of all those from the parish who died during the past year at the 8 am Mass on Monday, November 2. We will pray for them and for all of the souls of the faithful departed. Their names will be placed in our booklet that will be displayed near the front of the altar also. We are sorry we cannot offer an evening Mass as we have done in the past.

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.

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 1

ALL SAINTS

FIRST READING: REVELATION 7:2-4, 9-14

The Apostle John sees a vision of the life in heaven.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-3

As children of God, we are promised that one day we will see God face to face.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

The Beatitudes show the way to become holy.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

Even though we are not opening the Adoration Chapel at this time, anyone who was on the normal adoration schedule is welcome to come into the church to pray during your assigned hour. The church is unlocked from 7 am to 7 pm and Our Lord is waiting for you to come spend time with Him. Our Lord is present in the tabernacle all day long and would love for you to spend time praying. It's a great way to get back into the routine of praying during your scheduled hour.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, October 31st, we begin National Vocations Awareness Week when Father Norm Carroll, Director of the Office for Priestly and Religious Vocations, and Pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish in Wilmington, is the guest.

MASS BOOK

The **Mass Book for 2021 will open on Monday, November 2.** Due to the current restrictions of people coming to the office and the number of Masses we are currently offering, we must restrict the number of requests. Please see below:

1. We are only **opening** up the Masses for the **months of January, February, March, and April at this time.**
2. You can **request ONLY 2 Masses** at this time and payment of \$10 per Mass is required at the time of the request.
3. Requests **MUST** be left in the box provided at the front door of the ELC building. In the envelope you must **provide your name, phone number, email, maximum two requests, and your payment.** *Please note we are only offering the 8 am Masses Monday through Saturday, 5 pm Saturday Mass, Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am Spanish Masses at this time.*
4. You may drop off your request from **9 am through 1 pm Monday through Friday ONLY beginning November 2.**
5. Requests for the Church tabernacle candle can also be made. \$10 per request. Limit one request per person. The Adoration Chapel candle request cannot be taken at this time.

Please call the office with any questions.

MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

26 MONDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Billy Brennan
27 TUESDAY	
HC 6:30 am	Sr. Mary Elizabeth
HC 8:00 am	Brendan P. Ryan
28 WEDNESDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Marjorie Prunty
29 THURSDAY	
HC 8:00 am	James & June Clacher
ICC 7:00 pm	For the People
30 FRIDAY	
HC 6:30 am	Terri Callaghan
HC 8:00 am	Priscilla Stapleford
31 SATURDAY	
HC 8 am	Raymond Cola
HC 5 pm	Sheila McGlynn
1 SUNDAY	
HC 7:30 am	Sylvia Crews
ICC 8:30 am	Dec. Mem. Heaman & Lawson Fam
HC 9:30 am	Nemesio Insao
HC 11:30 am	Mary McCleary
ICC 11 am	Madgelena Petri
ICC 1 pm	For the People
HC 6 pm	Daryl Dawson

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

VOCATIONS

A study commissioned by the Knights of Columbus revealed that 75% of Catholic young people who had seriously considered religious life felt they were never encouraged to pursue that goal. Do you know someone who would make a good priest? Why not tell him so? Your encouragement may be all he needs.

Serra for priestly and religious



PLEASE COME FORWARD TO HELP DISTRIBUTE HOLY COMMUNION AT THE MASS YOU ATTEND. THE PRIEST WILL INDICATE HOW MANY EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED.

Lector Schedule for October/November 2020

5 pm Mass

Oct 31	Hazel Showell
Nov 7	Dennis Dixon
Nov 14	Lori Christiansen
Nov 21	Fran Urick
Nov 28	Hazel Showell

7:30 am Mass

Nov 1	Edie Outten
Nov 8	Rose Pritchett
Nov 15	Donna Kilby
Nov 22	Christina Cuffey
Nov 29	Rose Pritchett

9:30 am Mass

Nov 1	Mary Louise Sossich
Nov 8	Colin Parks
Nov 15	Mary Sherlock
Nov 22	Suzanne Ford
Nov 29	Chris Petka

If you wish to be considered to lector, please email Diane at dbelt@holycrossdover.org so we can add you to the names of those who have already volunteered to lector. I will do so a lector schedule for November. Thank you.

DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories have been in the Parish Office for the past few months. If you would like to stop by the office to pick up your copy, please call ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it for you to pick up. Please do not just show up to pick up your copy.

HOLY CROSS CELEBRATES 150 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

This week, discern together one act of kindness that you can do for someone who is hurting.

PARENTING POINTERS

All families have stories that they tell over and over. One genre is the vacation-disaster story. These stories are important because they say this family can not only survive adversity but can laugh at it and keep on loving each other. Tell a story.

REUNION GENERAL para dialogar sobre las celebraciones para el mes de diciembre. La reunión será virtual el martes, 27 de octubre, 2020 a las 7:00 PM. Para conectarse vía ZOOM

ID:447 929 0772 y la contraseña es GUADALUPE

Los Preceptos o Mandamientos de la Iglesia Católica

Los Preceptos de la Iglesia se derivan de la moral católica y de los fundamentos doctrinales, los cuales se reflejan de muchas maneras, posiblemente las más notables en la Ley Canónica y en la disciplina litúrgica. Los católicos deben de consultar los Preceptos de la Iglesia de una manera de "auto-evaluación" para su cumplimiento, como un criterio mínimo con los cuales se pueden evaluar los miembros activos de la Iglesia.

1. Asistir a Misa los Domingos y los días de obligación, y descansar del trabajo servil. (1983 CIC 1247- 1248).
2. Confesar sus pecados al menos una vez al año. (1983 CIC 962,988, 989, 991).
3. Recibir el sacramento de la Eucaristía cuando menos durante la cuaresma. (1983 CIC 920).
4. Observar los días de ayuno y abstinencia establecidos por la Iglesia. La mayoría de los viernes durante el año y en la época de la Cuaresma son épocas de penitencia (1983 CIC 1250, 1252,1253), pero poco después del Concilio Vaticano II, la disciplina externa de abstenerse de comer carne los viernes se ha abrogado en favor de la recomendación de auto-imponerse otro tipo de penitencia.
5. Ayudar al sostenimiento y proporcionar ayuda a las necesidades de la Iglesia. (1983 CIC 1260, 1261, 1262, 1266,1267)

La Santa Misa durante el COVID -19 Las reglas de la pandemia siguen en vigor y todos tenemos la responsabilidad de protegernos y proteger a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo.

- Usar mascarillas cuando entra al templo durante todo el tiempo que permanezca adentro la mascarilla debe cubrir la nariz y la boca.
- Desinfectante de manos está disponible al entrar a la iglesia.
- Distanciamiento social, los asientos están marcados para que guarde su distancia.
- Al recibir la Sagrada Comunión, recuerde mantenerse socialmente distanciado. Le recomendamos a recibir la Sagrada Comunión en su mano, pero si desea recibirla en la lengua, se le pide que esté al final de la línea de Comunión. No se distribuirá la Preciosa Sangre de Cristo en este momento.
- Al salir de la iglesia, no se reúna en el Nártex ni en el estacionamiento.
- Lavarnos las manos con frecuencia.
- Si está enfermo quédese en casa. Protegemos nuestra salud y la salud del hermano especialmente los más vulnerables.

Las Misas dominicales Holy Cross: Sábado:5:00 pm Domingo: 7:30 am.-9:30 am - 11:30 am en español. Confesiones Sábado 8:30-10:00 am

La Inmaculada Concepción: Domingo 8:30 am, 11:00 am - 1:00 de la tarde en español

jueves a las 6:00 de la tarde, sábado- 9:00 a 11:00 de la mañana en español.

Confesiones después de la misa hasta las 11:00 am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Regular Class 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, November 1 or Wednesday, November 4, in the Junior High Building.

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 relationships, overcoming hardships, and living out the Faith as a family during the COVID-19 pan-

demio, with messages designed for 6th through 12th grade students. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. Please contact Linda Darling at ldarling@holycrossdover.org if you are interested in attending so she may get you registered. You may choose to view from home with your family, or we will be viewing in the Parish Hall all three nights if you would like to join with other teens. Social distancing and masks required.

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

We will update parents for the next phase or continued phase for Religious Education Classes. Please keep your eyes and ears open for next announcement.

2020/21 FIRST REC/COMMUNION ICC)

Our third session will be on Tuesday, November 3rd, please see Ms. Alicia today, or call office, if you have not registered or missed

CONFIRMATION 2020-2021 (ICC)

Our next Prep session is today Sunday, November 15th, 2:30-5pm in the Parish Hall. This is for 8th grade and HS youth that are registered to begin Confirmation Prep. This is for the youth only, no parents or Sponsors at this session.

THANK YOU FOR RELEASING YOUR SOLES TO GO TO ANOTHER HOME.

More SOLES are needed, Please HELP!

Fund Raiser ends Nov. 10, 2020

Would you ever think that your old shoes could raise money for Immaculate Conception Catholic Church? Well they can and here's how. Our church is participating in a fundraiser where there is nothing to buy or sell, all we need is your support and your gently worn shoes. These shoes will help support our program as well as individuals in developing nations like Ghana, Haiti and Bolivia.

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

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

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

It was my first of the season. T'is the season for pumpkin and spice, but not in my tea. I'm not a coffee drinker, even if it's dressed up. So, when I order tea and want to dress it up a bit. I always order the London Fog from Starbucks. The first sip is heavenly. I'm sure to let the barista know that I only want English Breakfast tea and skim milk. This past Friday was so cold and rainy and I promised myself that a London Fog would be my end of the week reward. Standing at the counter placing my order I specified the skim milk and knew something was missing. But I was distracted by a lovely display of mugs, so I walked over, looked at the display, selected one from the shelf. New mug and hot tea, I was ready to take on the downpour that awaited. Once in the car I sensed a mildly pleasant aroma. Oh NO!!! I forgot to specify the EB tea! My wonderful London Fog had been made with Earl Grey tea! Staring at the rain, it just wasn't worth my going back inside. I was so disappointed. I don't like EG tea. Timidly, I took my first sip....hmmmm not too bad.

I know it doesn't sound like a big deal. But, it isn't what I wanted. But I made the decision to go with what I had. Disappointment. It's a part of life, and everyone handles it differently.

With the success that we have enjoyed in the opening of our school year, there has come a bit of disappointment. We are accomplishing our mission as educators and the children are in school every day where they belong. Nonetheless, there has been a disappointment or two. One of the biggest is the inability to form our new Home and School Association. Not being able to have parents in our buildings, not being able to plan events that would attract a crowd, not being able to sponsor any form of fund raising has proven to be a disappointment, and a genuine cause for concern.

With that said, we will be looking forward to the *virtual* Secret Santa Shop and we hope our families will patronize our Christmas store in a big way.

But just when all seems downright dismal, God provides a plan. We have a plan. But we can't go this alone. We need your help, and we need your help in gigantic proportions.

You may remember last year when we joined other Diocesan schools in the fund raising effort sponsored by the NCEA known as the Day of Giving. This event occurs during Catholic Schools Week. Holy Cross School plans to participate in this fund raising event again this year. However, we have recently learned of an additional fund raising opportunity. It is scheduled for **Tuesday December 1st** and is sponsored by an organization known as **iGiveCatholic**. The goal of #iGiveCatholic is to inspire the greater Catholic community to come together as faithful stewards and to "Give Catholic" on Giving Tuesday, a global day of giving back.

Mrs. Bifferato, Mrs. Zink and I met last week to discuss this tremendous chance for raising funds while staying within the all the restrictions and parameters of the pandemic. We have devised all sorts of fun incentives prompting generous giving. *They shall remain a secret for another week or two.* Honestly, though....wait until you see them. We had a lot of fun thinking of ways to initiate generous giving. (No, I'm not going to sit on top of the gym roof, again)

We are always looking to enhance our curriculum and given our ability to do so, Social Studies would have been our next focus. Our junior high ELA teachers have built a wonderful Reading and Writing curriculum incorporating classic literature selections. I would love to be able to provide them with additional class sets of novels and short stories. In the area of technology, we are going to have to address the classroom carts, and replenish batteries and Chromebooks in the elementary building as they inch closer to the end of their shelf life. We are sorely lacking in the area of World Language. It would be a dream come true to be able to raise enough in funding to fulfill the need for World Language instruction in our school.

Please don't misunderstand me. Holy Cross Parish has been so very kind to our school. I have received numerous monetary donations from parishioners, and we are so grateful. Two of our school buildings have new energy efficient windows thanks to Holy Cross parishioners. Our annual budget provides our teachers with materials necessary for the day to day teaching experience, thank you to our kind parishioners. And we are indebted to you, our parishioners for the state of the art disinfecting methods to keep our buildings sanitized and our children safe. Previous Home and School Associations have raised sufficient capital to purchase our Reading series, and curriculum enhancements such as Vocabulary.com. Chromebook carts, a complete replacement of our playground mulch and our school-wide security system. It is true; we are a tuition based school, but sadly enough, it also true that tuition does not cover all expenses. We are forced to ask for additional assistance.

Please, mark the date! **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 01, 2020!!!** Stay tuned for a listing of the incentives.

I ask that you prayerfully discern how your family might contribute to this fund raising effort to benefit and sustain the programs for our school and for your children.

iGiveCatholic Prayer

*O Lord, giver of life, we know that all we are,
and all we have are gifts from You.
We live in a world that celebrates consumption.
But You call us to be good stewards of all You have entrusted to us.
May this Giving Tuesday prompt us
to gratitude and generosity,
We pray that iGiveCatholic may be a miracle of loaves and fishes,
where every gift shared lovingly from a grateful heart
becomes bread for the multitudes, and the ordinary becomes extraordinary.
In this giving and receiving, may our hearts rejoice
in You alone, who are Lord for ever and ever. Amen.*

This prayer is “The Litany of St. Thomas More” – name for that well-known saint who had served as Chancellor of England and rejected King Henry VIII attempts to control the Church; he resigned and was sentenced to execution for his resistance. His last word: “I am the king’s good servant, but God’s first.” Canonized in 1922, he is the Patron Saint of Politician and Statesmen. And so, this Litany, invoking the prayerful intercession of St. Thomas More is especially appropriate as we head towards election day. I commend you to pray this in the days ahead.

**Litany of St. Thomas More,
Martyr and Patron Saint of Statesmen, Politicians and Lawyers**

- V. Lord, have mercy
- R. Lord have mercy
- V. Christ, have mercy
- R. Christ have mercy
- V. Lord, have mercy
- R. Lord have mercy
- V. Christ hear us
- R. Christ, graciously hear us
 - St. Thomas More, Saint and Martyr, Pray for us
 - St. Thomas More, Patron of Statesmen, Politicians and Lawyers, Pray for us
 - St. Thomas More, Patron of Justices, Judges and Magistrates, Pray for us
 - St. Thomas More, Model of Integrity and Virtue in Public and Private Life, Pray for us
 - St. Thomas More, Servant of the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ, Pray for us
 - St. Thomas More, Model of Holiness in the Sacrament of Marriage, Pray for us
 - St. Thomas More, Teacher of his Children in the Catholic Faith, Pray for us
 - St. Thomas More, Defender of the Weak and the Poor, Pray for us
 - St. Thomas More, Promoter of Human Life and Dignity, Pray for us
- V. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world
- R. Spare us O Lord
- V. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world
- R. Graciously hear us O Lord
- V. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world
- R. Have mercy on us

Bishop: Let us pray: O Glorious St. Thomas More, Patron of Statesmen, Politicians, Judges and Lawyers, your life of prayer and penance and your zeal for justice, integrity and firm principle in public and family life led you to the path of martyrdom and sainthood. Intercede for our Statesmen, Politicians, Judges and Lawyers, that they may be courageous and effective in their defense and promotion of the sanctity of human life - the foundation of all other human rights. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Final Thoughts. After much reading daily about the candidates, the elections, the claims, the counterclaims, 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, a Big Mac dinner, a shake, and 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 saints 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,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

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Daytime Savings ends next Sunday, November 1, at 2 am

Turn your clocks back 1 hour

