



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

October 2, 2022 27th 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

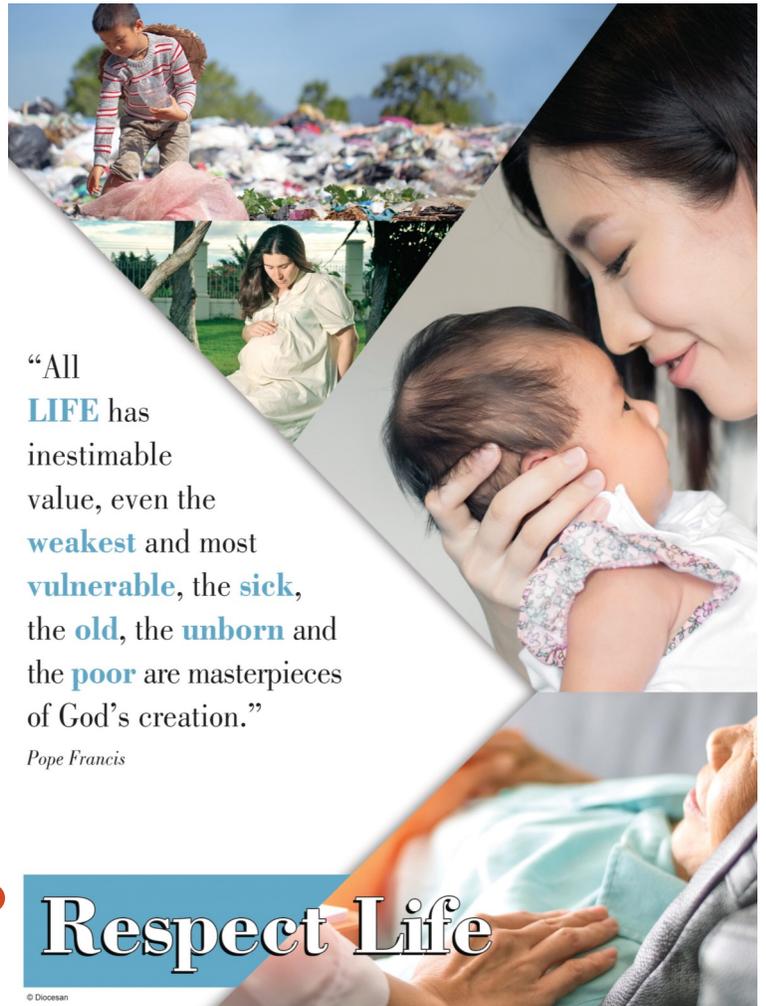
Monday-Saturday, 8 am
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am—9 pm



“All **LIFE** has inestimable value, even the **weakest** and most **vulnerable**, the **sick**, the **old**, the **unborn** and the **poor** are masterpieces of God’s creation.”

Pope Francis

Respect Life

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HOLY DAY SCHEDULE (HC AND ICC)

Mary, Mother of God, January 1
Assumption, August 15
All Saints’ Day, November 1
Immaculate Conception, December 8
Christmas, December 25

Mass schedules for Holy Days of Obligation and other special days will be printed in the bulletin as each one draws near

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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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

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.

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.

LITTLE BOOKS

Immaculate Conception is taking orders for the Little Reflection books for the various liturgical seasons, Advent, Lent & Easter. The total cost is \$5.00 for the set.

Orders and payment can be taken at HC or ICC Parish offices.

The order will be placed on October 11, so all who wish to purchase must place their **order by October 9.**

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>

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Tuesday, October 4, is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals.

In honor of St. Francis, we will hold our Annual Blessing of Animals at 6 pm on the back field of the property. All animals are welcome (with their owners, of course!). Deacon Bob will do the service and blessing over the animals.



WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

September 18, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$26,698	\$27,125	(\$427)
YTD	\$299,413	\$320,875	(\$21,462)
Needs	\$1,831	\$1,604	\$227

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending September 18, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	\$3,838
Second Collection	\$514

SWITCH TO EGIVING (HO)

Are you ready to "Fall into eGiving?"

After the joyful summer months, the Fall season is a great time to streamline your stewardship. eGiving is a way to simplify your giving and provide steady, consistent support that helps us be ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in our community.

It's easy to get started. **Here are the ways to sign up:**

- Visit faith.direct/DE251
- Call Faith Direct Cust. Service at 866-507-8757

Go to www.holycrossdover.org website and click on the Online Giving button.

Thank you and may God bless your generosity.

Dear Parishioners,

Before we start this column, I want to make note that we have begun the multi-week change of having all Holy Cross weekday Masses, funerals, and confession times held at Immaculate Conception Church in Marydel. This is being done due to the roof replacement being done at Holy Cross. I want to thank the members of Holy Cross for their patience during this time of construction and I want to thank the kind folks of Immaculate Conception Parish for being so welcoming to our displaced Holy Cross Parishioners. I thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this time!

And now, the continuation of last week's Pastor's Column... all about angels. Last week I covered the first three types of angels, in that first choir of angels, in order of their precedence from the throne of God. To wit, the Angels of the Heavenly Court: Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones. And now on to the second and third groupings in the choirs of angels, with six types of angels.

Group 2: Angels Governing the Heavens

4. Dominions. These are ones who give the orders to the angels in the ranks #5-9, they "dominate" if you would. They make known God's will for the angels beneath them. To use a postal metaphor, they are the regional postal sorting office which delivers all the letters to each local post office in its jurisdiction for delivery. Thus, when the priest invokes in prayer "Thrones" and "Dominions" – he is referring to the angels that spread the words of our prayers to the other angels (Dominions), and the angels that let those words into the heavenly sanctuary (Thrones). Dionysius the Areopagite, an early Christian writer, wrote extensively on the choirs of Angels. Regarding the Dominions (also called "Lordships") he wrote: "[A Dominion molds itself to] an image of goodness, itself, and ... to the Lordly Being, and ever sharing in the Lordly Likeness of God, to its utmost ability."

5. Virtues. The name of these angels, "virtues" is translated as an alternate way of expressing a Greek word meaning "strength" (hence sometimes called the Authorities). The Virtues carry God's messages and commands to the seasons, the stars, the sun, etc. To us humans, these angels carry God's message and call us to virtue; they make known to us the miracles of God in the world. According to the fifth century writing *De Coelesti Hierarchia* (Of the Heavenly Hierarchy), the angels we identify as Virtues, use their angel powers to bring us, "towards Divine things, and conducting those after it benignly, [to be] assimilated, as far as per-

missible, to [God]."

6. Powers. These are God's shock troops – these are the warrior angels; they are sometimes called "Potentates" (like the word we use for one who exercises great political or military power). They fight against the powers of darkness and evil that attempt to corrupt mankind and our world (and indeed our universe). In the cosmic battle between good and evil, the Powers are God's Green Berets, his shock troops, or for you Star Wars fans, the Imperial Guards. The Powers are identified in some ancient writings as "courageous" and "unflinching" warrior angels filled with "Godlike energies within them." They are said to issue forth to other angels the gift of Power.

Group 3: Angels Governing the Earth

7. Principalities. This is an odd group of angels. You see, tradition says they are hostile to God. Why? Because of mankind's multitude of sins which God has forgiven. Though hostile, they are unlike Lucifer, as they did not rebel against God because they realized that there is but one God and he must be obeyed – if not out of pure love, then out of obligation and truth. The Principalities send a good message to us: Even when we can't make sense of God's plan for us, we must remain faithful. What do they do? They bring God's messages of inspiration in the arts and science – they are the lighters of the way to knowledge. The Principalities unveil, by the grace of God, the mysteries of the world and universe. Are you educated? Well that is because you listened to God's message brought via the Principalities.

Now, it is likely that some of the Principalities went rogue, when "war broke out in heaven" and "Michael and his angels battled against the dragon." We are told that the "The dragon and its angels fought back." Some of those angels with the dragon (the Devil) were likely those rebellious Principalities. Thus St. Paul in Ephesians 6:11-12 tell us, "[O]ur struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities... with the evil spirits in the heavens." But Christ's victory sealed their defeat, as in spiritual allegorical overtones St. Paul tells us in Colossians 2:15, Christ's victory led to "despoiling the principalities ... he made a public spectacle of them, leading them away in triumph."

HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini, V. F. Pastor
 Msgr. Daniel McGlynn Pastor Emeritus
 Rev. Brennan Ferris Parochial Vicar

HC CLERGY

Mr. Philip Belt Deacon
 Mr. John Harvey Deacon
 Mr. Richard Kosior Deacon
 Mr. Robert McMullen Deacon
 Mr. Vincent Pisano Deacon

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell Deacon

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RECENTLY REGISTERED (HC)

Welcome to our newly registered members:

- John Wendel Sr.
- Lindsey, Brigid and Shelby Davis

NEWLY BAPTIZED (HC)

Congratulations to our newly baptized members:

- Dominick Ramirez Martinek
- Eoin Ignatious Shuron
- Mikaela Genevieve Maurer

SHARE IN THE SPIRIT

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the diocesan Share in the Spirit tuition assistance collection last week. For those of you who have not yet participated, you may still contribute to the Share in the Spirit collection for tuition assistance. Please drop your envelope in the collection basket or parish office or, visit the Share in the Spirit website at www.cdow.org/share-in-the-spirit and click on "Ways to Give." This important collection supports the mission and ministry of our Catholic schools by assisting parents who seek a Catholic education for their children but who struggle to afford the full cost of tuition. Your support is gratefully appreciated



DIOCESAN "BLUE MASS"

Attention active and retired law enforcement, fire, EMT, and military personnel and their families. Bishop Koenig invites you to the 2022 Diocese of Wilmington "Blue Mass," on Friday, October 7 at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Elizabeth Church, 809 South Broom Street, Wilmington, Delaware. The "Blue Mass" honors the local, county, state, and federal law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and military personnel who live and work in Delaware and on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Those currently serving, the retired, and their families are invited to attend. More information is available at www.cdow.org/BlueMass. Thank you for your service.

28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (OCT 9) FIRST READING: 2 KINGS 5:14-17

Cured of leprosy in the River Jordan, Naaman takes some soil of Israel home with him so that he can worship in his own land the God of Israel.

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-13

Paul may be in chains but that will never be the fate of the word of God.

GOSPEL: LUKE 17:11-19

Of ten lepers cured by Jesus, only one returns to give thanks: Jesus praises his faith.

YOUNG AT HEART

If you are interested in restarting Young At Heart Seniors please email me at mredurk@gmail.com. The next meeting is Oct. 17 at 11 am if we have enough interest. Email me with questions or concerns about this Senior group.

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 options Saturdays October 22nd or October 29th . 10am – 2pm

Application forms are available in the Parish Office. All forms must be received no later than Wednesday, October 19th. If you have any questions please call the Parish Office (302-674-5785, ext. 110)

PRO-LIFE EVENT

Please come and join us on Life Chain Sunday, October 2, 2022, from Noon until 2:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood of Delaware, located at 805 S. Governors Avenue, Dover. This Life Chain Event is meant to be introspective, prayerful, and peaceful. Even after the Supreme Court overturned 'Roe v. Wade', pro-death abortion forces are stronger than ever. If ever we needed you to attend a Life Chain it is now! Your prayers are requested. Contact Francis Urick, 302-233-4684.

MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER

3 MONDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Joanna Scafaria
4 TUESDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Susana Julian
5 WEDNESDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Clara Dill
6 THURSDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Jensen Reed
ICC 6:00 pm	For the People
7 FRIDAY	
HC 8:00 am	DM Trancucci & Cammarata Family
8 SATURDAY	
HC 8 am	Gary Mann
HC 5 pm	Debbie Rolla
9 SUNDAY	
HC 7:30 am	Mike Alexitch
ICC 8:30 am	Deacon Jams Tormey
HC 9:30 am	Katie Fortier
ICC 11 am	Carl & Marlene DeFrancesco
HC 11:30 am	Yadira Mecado
ICC 1 pm	For the People

(LI—LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

ROSARY RALLY - OCTOBER 15

The 105th Anniversary of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. Our Lady requested that the Rosary be prayed daily for world peace and the conversion of sinners. Unite with us to pray at our **Rosary Rally on October 15, at 9 am, at the front of the church by Our Lady of Mt Carmel statue.**



Bring your rosary, family, friends, and portable chairs or blankets to sit upon. Everybody come and pay honor to our Blessed Mother.

Any questions, please call Carol O'Donnell at 302-359-4340. If you need a rosary, we can provide you with one. When we pray, Our Lady prays with us!!

HOLY CROSS OCT 8/9, 2022

	EMHC		SERVERS
5:00 PM	D. Darling L. Darling	D. Field P. Gerard	S. Murawski B. Richardson L. Richardson
			LECTORS D. Dixon F. Urick
7:30 AM	J. Chandler A. Fischer	J. Fischer R. Fritzsche	E. Bydlon E. Wadhams C. Wilk
			LECTORS J. Davis
9:30 AM	P. Ford S. Ford	C. Jones K. Kelly	K. Fernandez F. Maduwke M. Milligan
			LECTORS S. Crossen M. Sherlock
11:30 AM	T. Hernandez E. Patoriza	M. Richard	K. Espinosa C. Geronimo
			LECTORS A. Luna
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8:30 AM	B. Lawson		LECTORS B. Thompson
11:00 AM	M. Soule		LECTORS S. Tucker
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.

CAR SHOW AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

3rd Annual Car Show on October 15,2022

Starting at 10 AM until 2 PM

The entry fee is \$10 per car.

There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, & soda for purchase.

A first place trophy will be presented.

Music provided by "The Godfather of New England Doo Wop"

For additional information, call Woody Gravenor at 302-632-2208

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, 10 am, 5 pm, 8 pm
TUESDAY	6 am, 3 pm, 8 pm
WEDNESDAY	11 am
THURSDAY	12 pm
SATURDAY	12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

ICC CATECHISM CLASS

Catechism Faith Formation Program: Journey Around the World and Deep into the Faith Catholicism. The program began Sept. 26th, 7-9pm in the ICC Parish Hall, \$20 per person covers cost of the participant guidebook, Contact Alicia Poppiti, DRE at dre@icmarydel.org or 410-482-8939. Registration in advance necessary, to order books. It's not too late to join this class.

With creator and host Bishop Robert Barron, you will learn what Catholics believe and why while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs and practices of the Catholic tradition. The Catholicism Faith Formation Program brings the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church to life so that you can better understand and share your faith. Bishop Robert Barron is an acclaimed author, theologian and podcasting priest. An innovative teacher of the Catholic Faith who uses the tools of the new media to further the New Evangelization, Bishop Barron is also the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries.

- Tenemos 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.
- 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.
- El Movimiento “Conquistando Naciones para Cristo” tendrá un Retiro de Sanación Interior, para hombres y mujeres adultos del 7-9 de octubre, 2022. Donación es de \$125. Dirección 474 Fleming Landing Rd. Townsend, DE Para más información llame al 302-442-5587, 302-415-5036 y al 410-533-6374.
- El 20 de Octubre estaremos celebrando junto con nuestros hermanos peruanos la fiesta del Señor de Los Milagros donde se traerá la imagen del Señor de los Milagros en procesión dentro del Templo. Les pedimos a todos que hagan una oración especial por el Perú.
- 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 Colon 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
- Es muy importante inscribir a sus hijos a tiempo para la Educación Religiosa. Las In-

scripciones 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 holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christianformation/k-8-formation. Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, no dude en comunicarse con Tammy Korosec en tkorosec@holycrossover.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

- El comienzo del año de Educación Religiosa para sus hijos esta encima de nosotros. Por favor entregue las aplicaciones de inscripción. Si no tiene una aplicación vaya a la oficina de la parroquia e inscriba a su niño.
- SE NECESITAN CATEQUISTAS PARA, QUINTO GRADO.
- La inscripción para el año escolar 2022-2023 está abierta, las inscripciones están disponibles para todas las familias y aún se aceptan. Debe inscribir a sus hijos cada año. Devuélvalo a Alicia Poppiti ahora, para que podamos estar seguros de tener suficientes maestros, libros y espacio en las aulas.
- Las Clases de Educación Religiosa son los domingos por la mañana, comenzando 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@iccmmarydel.org para obtener más información. Las inscripciones ya están disponibles.
- Nuevos Inscribiéndose: https://www.iccmmarydel.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/new_sre_registration_form_2021.pdf
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Next class is 10/9/22 at 3:00—5:00 pm.
Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Registration forms available at holycrossover.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@holycrossover.org

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)
Next class Oct 9 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 start 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@holycrossover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122 as soon as possible.

CONFIRMATION AT HOLY CROSS

Confirmation Class: Sunday, Oct. 9 3:30-5 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 12 6-7:30 pm

Confirmation Retreat:
Parents are reminded to please return your childs' retreat permission form at the Oct.9 or 12 class. Retreat is November 11 and 12.

Youth Group: For Junior High and Senior High Teens - please join us Saturday, October 15 from 3-4:30 pm in the school cafeteria. We will be packing bags for the homeless— please bring a donation of: Small water, toothbrush and paste, shampoo, soap, combs, mints, cereal bars, socks, bandaids, chap stick, wet wipes, nail clippers, etc.
We will have refreshments after our activity.

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@holycrossover.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

Beginning of the year is upon us! Please get your registrations in. Classes start on Sunday, September 25th at 9:40am. Program runs through May 7th.

Religious Education registration for the 2022-2023 school year are available to all families registered in the parish, and are stilling being accepted. Please get them back or come register as soon as you can, so we can have enough teachers, books and materials for your children.

Please stop in the office and get your children registered today. Please return to Alicia Poppiti at the ICC Religious Education office. You can also download and print from our website to register

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

****Teacher still needed for 5th grade**** Your Assistance is requested for our School Year Religious Education: Wanted, to share faith and knowledge, as we are in need of Catechists, Assistants, substitutes and helpers for next year for Religious Education on Sunday mornings, from September 25th until May 7th, 9:40-10:50am. Contact Alicia Poppiti @410-482- 8939 or dre@iccmaryladel.org for more information. We offer wonderful and faith filled formation days for you as well.

Youth Confirmation for Immaculate Conception:
Parent Information Session is Sunday, October 2nd at 12 noon in the Parish office or 2:15pm in the hall. This is a very important time that will cover several significant points and dates, and you will be able to have any questions you might have addressed.

It's a brand new year! The children are happy, we've had picture-perfect weather, Mrs. Carey added a few new items to our lunch menu, we have brand-spanking new History books in the junior high AND I heard on last night's news that the powers that be have declared the pandemic a thing for the history books. All things considered, we're off to a great start; one filled with all kinds of opportunities.

Opportunities... That's the one single word that I crossed my mind as I descended the steps on my return to the elementary office wondering what I was going to use as a focal point for this week's message. Opportunities---they positively abound here; oftentimes to the point where our students are faced with a decision. Do I go to soccer practice, or do I go to drum-line? It's tough when you want to do it all and have to be creative in your approach to making it work. Bi-location; only Padre Pio had that one down!

I am so excited for our school community. This year represents many golden opportunities for building community, new friendships, and school spirit. We encourage everyone to get out there and be a part!!

So, I'm going to use this weekly essay as an *opportunity* to enlighten everyone on the *opportunities* worth looking into to make this a stellar school year....

Let's begin with Parent Opportunities:

- Mrs. Riecks, who is her umpteenth year as Odyssey of the Mind moderator is desperately looking for team coaches. She is looking to start the season with a little over sixty interested students and she only has ONE coach! **HELP!!** Mrs. Riecks is having an informational meeting on October 03 at 530 in the Parish Hall. Won't you plan to be there, and then sign up to help out with guiding these young scientists, artists, and engineers to state finals?
- We are SO grateful to Mrs. Melissa Dill for seizing the awesome opportunity to coach our girls' basketball team this season. Like many of our parents, Mrs. Dill has a full-time job and has graciously offered to juggle her schedule to accommodate our girls. Thank you for seizing the *opportunity!* There are further *opportunities* in the sports arena as well; just contact Mr. Seams for more information.
- Has everyone noticed the friendly gentleman standing at the end of the exit drive and State Street holding a stop sign? Mr. Seams has a new friend; actually he has two new friends. The gentleman you will see out there most often is Mr. Klaus. Mr. Klaus was only too willing to spend four hours of his valuable time in front of a computer screen completing the mandated flagger course. There is more to it than meets the eye, apparently. Fortunately for us, Mr. Klaus was awarded his certification and you will see him out there in his fluorescent yellow vest subduing the speedway known as State Street keeping our moms and dads from risking life and limb as they go about their day. On the days when Mr. Klaus is not out there you might see Mr. Russum controlling the morning hour rush. Mr. Russum has been so kind in offering his day off mornings to us after he drops off his two children. I love the way they snatched hold of this fabulous opportunity....
- I was so encouraged to see the moms and a few dads queue up to volunteer for HSA sub-committee planning. I think I counted nine different opportunities for our parents to assist in coordinating some very funtastic events. One of the ones I look forward to most is the Secret Santa Shop. It is absolutely the sweetest thing ever to watch the children shop for Christmas gifts for mom, dad, Aunt Suzy, Uncle Fred, Cousin Joe, and let's not forget the family pets!!
- The Parent-Child events are truly the ones that will provide lasting memories. It's gratifying to see such a beautiful event take shape as the generation of ideas and formulation of a plan translates into a stunning event that is a beautiful experience for a parent and child. This is it---what an opportunity.
- So, how about thinking of donating an hour or so a week in the cafeteria??
- Or, maybe providing another set of eyes on the recess field?
- We have some great field trips on the calendar....would you care to join us?
- Or perhaps you'd like to speak to your child's teacher and offer your leadership skills as a Room Mom or Dad.
- Before we go any further, permit me to pass on a word to the wise. As many already know, a Criminal Background Check must be conducted prior to anyone serving any more than five hours in a volunteer capacity. If you are aware of your need to renew your clearance, please contact Mrs. Arndt in the Elementary School Office at extension 111.

Children love to see their parents here at school. It just makes gives a feeling of security and send the message that they are loved. If and when you can, seize the day—seize the *opportunity!*

8. Archangels. What?! Why are Archangels so low on the list? These are the ones who helped many folks in the Bible – these are the rock stars of the world of angels, no? Well, no. Remember the angelic rankings are based on closeness to God vs. closeness to man/earth. The Archangels – like Michael (who fought Satan in the Book of Revelation), Raphael (who healed Tobit), and Gabriel (who brought God’s message to Mary) – are close to us, in the celestial sense. To use a baseball movie metaphor, these are “The Angels in the In-field.” They have a special role to mankind at critical moments in salvation history – these are key angels “for us men, and for our salvation.” There are seven archangels according to scripture. Often these Archangels are given the title “Saint,” but that is a form of an honorary title, as saints are, by definition, members of Church Militant (the Church on Earth, i.e., people), who become part of the Church Triumphant (the Church in Heaven). Angels don’t meet that definition. But because Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are associated with so much of their place in salvation history in their work on earth, they are given the appellation of “Saint.”

9. Angels. These are, in part, our Guardian Angels (celebrated by the Church on October 2nd). They are closest to the material world. They bring God’s messages of guidance, truth and grace to each of us. We can listen to those messages or not. The Angels hope we listen, and they never stop bringing God’s messages to us. But as the Guardian Angels have a Holy Day of their own (October 2), I would be remiss to not say a few more words about these heavenly messengers!

An Angle on These Angels. These Guardian Angels are indeed closest to us; you may want to think of them as if you were a Los Angelinos, these Angels are our home team players. They are with us, for us, by us, attentive to us, and guiding us. They bring God’s message, his communication, to us. So, while an Angel brings God’s messages to us, it by our free will, whether we accept or reject or ignore what God has to say to us. Think of it this way: We often note how the Devil and his fallen angels (demons) brings us messages to lead us away from God – and we call those messages “temptations.” Similarly, God’s Angels, our Guardian Angels, bring us messages, too. These messages are there to lead us closer to God but only if we heed. We call these messages, in part, “grace.” Thus, angels are messengers, but we need to be wary and careful of which messages we heed and which we shun. Keep your ears open to the messages brought by God’s angels.

Angel Hear. So, let us remember those Guardian Angels, who watch over us in a special way, and who call us to hear and know the Lord in our lives. A wonderful way of acknowledging the blessings of our own Guardian Angel is with this traditional Catholic Prayer:

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God’s love commits me here,
Ever this day, be at my side,
To light and guard, Rule and guide. Amen.*

We are blessed by God in his Angels and in his Saints: the former making known his will for us, the latter providing us with good example and witness to our faith.

This October, we are called to place a special emphasis on the respecting of life (more on this topic in the weeks ahead); on the power of prayer, most especially in the Rosary (more on this topic in the weeks ahead); and in heeding God’s will by the message of our Guardian Angels.

A blessed October to all of you. Heed the angels, pray the rosary, and respect life!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

Coming Soon: Trivia Night

Come join in the fun—get your family and friends to sign up for an evening of fun.

Will be held at Immaculate Conception in the Hall on Friday, October 21.

Doors open at 6:30 pm; Game begins at 7:30 pm

Cost is \$25 per person; 8 persons per table

Some refreshments will be provided or bring your own goodies to share at your table.

Contact ICC or HC offices to register to play. Hope you can join us!!