



# CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

October 31, 2021

31st 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 and Friday, 12:10 pm  
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

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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

## 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind, and with all your strength."

FR 1250



## 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.

**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.

### MASS BOOK 2022

The **Mass Book for 2022 will open on Monday, 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.
3. Requests **MUST** 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, 5 pm Saturday Mass, Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am Spanish Masses.*
4. Requests will be taken Monday through Fridays, 8:30 am to 2 pm only.
5. 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.**

### NOVEMBER 1, 2021—ALL SAINTS DAY

This year it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. We will just have our 8 am Mass as usual on this Monday.

### NOVEMBER 2, 2021—ALL SOULS DAY

At the 8 am mass, we will remember all those who have died during this past year at Holy Cross.

### WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

October 17, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$19,920	\$26,000	(\$6,080)
YTD	\$395,063	\$413,300	(\$18,237)
Needs	\$1,136	\$1,480	(\$344)

### WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending October 17, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$4,178
2nd	\$795

**Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021, when the clock will "fall back" one hour.**



Dear Parishioners,

A song that I like to make note of in my late October Pastor Column each year is 1984's "When October Goes." It is a melodic and lyrically beautiful song that invokes the imagery of the brisk and cooling days of fall – a time when leaves fall, the sun sets earlier, and jackets begin to get worn. "When October goes, the snow begins to fly... oh, how I hate to see October go." Thus, says the song "When October Goes" written by prolific songwriter Johnny Mercer, in 1976, shortly before his death at age 66, and recorded by Barry Manilow in 1984. Likewise, there are many reasons for many people to not want to see October go. The weather goes colder, the trees go bare, the month of the Holy Rosary ends, and Respect Life Month comes to an end (though respecting life continues every day in the life of the faithful Catholic). When October goes it seems like an ending.

**October Goes, November Arrives.** But when October goes and the curtain falls on that month, November alights the stage. Yes, it that time of the year! The leaves have fallen, Advent is about a month away, we have begun Thanksgiving food shopping, and Christmas songs are now on the radio. Yes, it is November. Monday is November 1... and we know what that means for us in the faith. No, it doesn't mean that "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" will be watched religiously by millions (although it probably will). What it means is that the Church Universal – the Catholic Church – will be celebrating All Saint's Day. All Saints Day is the day when the Church on Earth (the Church Militant) gives praise to God by honoring the Church in Heaven (the Church Triumphant). And the very next day, on November 2, we celebrate All Souls Day, when pray for the members of the Church in Purgatory (the Church Suffering).

**O Lord, I Want to be in that Number.** Monday, November 1 is All Saints Day – it is the day we commemorate of all of those holy men and women, who have passed on from this world to the next – and found eternal rest in Heaven, where in joyous bliss they praise God unceasingly. And that is where we want to be – hence as the song says, "O Lord, I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in." Usually this day is a Holy Day of Obligation, but not this year. This year, since this Holy Day lands on a Monday, making a vigil the night before (on a Sunday) impossible, the Holy Day loses its obligation – hence there will one Mass that day, at Holy Cross at 8:00am.

**The Departed.** Tuesday, November 2, we observe All Souls Day. On that day, we remember all the faithful departed and pray that they may rest in the peace of Heaven. The collect (opening prayer) for All Souls Day expresses this hope: *"Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength. Through our Lord Jesus Christ..."*

**Seven Saints.** Meanwhile, back to All Saints Day, I want spend the rest of this column identifying seven saints canonized together three years ago, as an small homage to all of the many saints that pepper the landscape of our faith. When October goes, All Saints Day is near and it is time to call to mind those men and women who ran the good race and won the glorious crown. Below are seven of their stories. Before that, let me note that this column is sponsored by the number seven and the number three. What am I talking about? Read on!

**Rocking 'round the Clock.** "When the clock rings five, six and seven / we'll be right in seventh heaven" thus sang Bill Haley (and his Comets) in the song the launched the rock era of music, "Rock Around the Clock." Invoking "seventh heaven" is to bring us to the topic of the number seven in the Catholic faith. Seven, by scriptural and church tradition, is the perfect number. Thus, there are seven sacraments, God rested on the seventh day, the seventy-week prophecy in Daniel, Revelation tells us of seven letters to the seven Churches as well as the seven spirits before God's throne, there are the seven sorrows of Mary, the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, etc.

**Three's Company.** On the other hand, three is about superlative language. In English we'd say, "that's the greatest," in the languages of antiquity, we'd say "that's great, great, great." It exemplifies the maximum (the superlative form of something); hence we say: "Holy, holy, holy" at Mass. Likewise at Mass we say "Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world" thrice.

**When Seven Meets Three.** So, the most holy wonderful thing you could imagine is three sevens (hence, at Dover Downs and Delaware Park, 7-7-7 is the slot machine's sign of victory). Biblically, Noah's father lived for 777 years: the oldest survivor of the original creation. "777" according to The Orthodox Study Bible represents the threefold perfection of the Trinity. So, 777 is awesome, it is all that and a bag of chips! On the oth-

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## HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F.	Pastor
Msgr. Daniel McGlynn	Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Mano Salla	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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## HC STAFF

Parish Office	302 674 5787
Jane Green/Susan Cutrona	Receptionist, ext. 110
Diane Belt	Assistant to the Pastor, ext. 113
Kenneth Trojan	Business Manager, ext. 119
Michele Dornberger	Records/Asst. Bus. Mgr., ext. 116
Arline Dosman	Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. 118
Tammy Korosec	CRE Religious Ed, ext 122
Linda Darling	Youth Ministry, ext. 123
Justin Wurzel	Maintenance Director
Len Dornberger	Cemetery Administrator, ext. 135
Michael Perza	Dir. of Music Ministry, 302 698 9302

## MAILING ADDRESS

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Dover, DE 19901

## ICC STAFF

Parish Office	410 482 7687
Marilyn Dixon	Office Manager
Alicia Poppiti	DRE Religious Ed.
Susan Venezia	Bookkeeper
Arline Dosman	Dir. of Hispanic Ministry

## MAILING ADDRESS

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Marydel, MD 21649-0399

## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Catholic Education Pre-K3 to Grade 8  
302 674 5787  
holycrossdover.org/school

Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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## MAILING ADDRESS

*Holy Cross School*  
631 S. State St.  
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## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Halloween is coming up when folks wear costumes and pretend to be scary, beautiful, funny, or... Fantasize together. In your dream world, who/what would you like to be? Laugh together.

## PARENTING POINTERS

The Old Testament and the New Testament tell us to love God with all our heart, soul, and strength. Easy to say, but what does this look like – to pray more? To help someone out? To put up with hardships? Other?

## NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (NCYC) -

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

## REGISTERED MEMBERS (HC)

Welcome to our newest members:

- Denilson Efren Gomez Carreto. Maria Pulina Gomez Santos and Anguda Daleyza Gomez Gomez
- Wilmar Emanuel Mayen Galeano

## SVDP MEETING (IC)

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

## READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 7 32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: 1KINGS 17:10-16

The starving prophet Elijah begs a poor widow for food and she shares her last meal with him.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 9:24-28

Jesus' offering of himself surpasses any sacrifice a Temple high priest might have made for the sins of his people.

GOSPEL: MARK 12:38-44

Jesus observes how some people take advantage of others. He watches a widow donate her last pennies to the lucrative Temple cult.

## FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

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

## ST. ALBERT INITIATIVE FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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

## SECULAR DISCALCED CARMELITES

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

## CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, November 6th, we will share highlights from several past interviews with Diocese of Wilmington pastor and historian, Father Tom Peterman, who passed away in August. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum),

## MASS INTENTIONS

### NOVEMBER

<b>1 MONDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	William Champouillon
<b>2 TUESDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Sylvia Crews
<b>3 WEDNESDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	George H. Wicks, III
<b>4 THURSDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Julia & Armando Vincelli
ICC 6 pm	For the People
<b>5 FRIDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Lucy Forgione
<b>6 SATURDAY</b>	
HC 8 am	Margaret Ann O'Meara
HC 5 pm	James & June Clacher
<b>7 SUNDAY</b>	
HC 7:30 am	Sylvia Crews
ICC 8:30 am	Dorothy Abremski
HC 9:30 am	Pat Rotunno
ICC 11 am	Roger Therrien
HC 11:30 am	Celine Soarez
ICC 1 pm	For the People

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

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## VOCATIONS

Please pray for Vocations. Vocation Awareness Week is November 7–13. All too often we forget to express appreciation to those in service-oriented jobs, including priests, sisters and brothers. We forget because we think, “It’s their job to help.” Priests and religious aren’t superhuman. They need genuine support from those they serve. Let them know how you feel.



MASS MINISTERS

NOV 6/7

HOLY CROSS

EMHC

SERVERS

5:00 PM D. Darling P. Gerard A. Torbert  
L. Darling J. Bieker B. Torbert  
F. Ernst

LECTORS

D. Dixon

7:30 AM A. Wyllie J. Davis A. Costs  
M. Thompson M. Costa  
C. Brown

LECTORS

R. Pritchett

9:30 AM G. Richard M. Sossich G. Maddalena  
T. Arndt N. West  
C. Robinson

LECTORS

M. Sherlock

11:30 AM E. Pastoriza B. Guzman C. Costes  
A. Luna E. Cortes  
K. Espinosa

LECTORS

T. Hernandez

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM None assigned at this time

LECTORS

K. Cairns

11:00 AM None assigned at this time

LECTORS

S, Tucker

1:00 PM A. Velequez D. Cui

LECTORS

- Attention Holy Cross liturgical ministers: If you have not responded to our request to send in updated information on which ministry you are involved with, your name, contact information, and your ministry you are involved with, please do so now so we can get you on our next schedule. If we don't hear from you, we cannot place you on the schedule. Contact M. Dornberger at 674-5787, ext 116, or email mdornberger@holycrossdover.org

WANTED—PICKUP TRUCK

Holy Cross Parish is in need of a used pick up truck for our maintenance department. Our current pick up has died and is beyond repair. If you have, or know of someone who would like to donate a used pickup that is in good condition to the parish, please contact the Parish Office, extension 113. Thank you for your consideration.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

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

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

7 pm

MONDAY 3 pm

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY 6 am

THURSDAY 2 pm

FRIDAY 8 am, 11 am,

SATURDAY 5 am, 8 am, 10 am, 11 am, 2 pm

LIHEAP APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE

Catholic Charities is taking applications for the **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program** (LIHEAP) for the upcoming heating season. This federally-funded program assists low-income Delawareans with heating bills through direct payments to home energy suppliers. The benefit is based on a household's income, size, and type of fuel.

In order to qualify, you must make an appointment with Catholic Charities. Call your local Catholic Charities office. Regular office hours are 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. In Kent County, call 302-674-1782.

Catholic Charities will call first-time applicants to schedule a telephone or in-person appointment to validate that you have submitted all of the necessary documents and information before your LIHEAP intake is finalized. Please keep in mind, masks are required for all in-person appointments.

If you are eligible for LIHEAP, you also may qualify for other programs that require LIHEAP eligibility. If your home is not as energy efficient as it could be, you may qualify for home weatherization improvements.

## NUESTRA FAMILIA HISPANIC

- Camino a una iglesia Sinodal: **el pasado domingo 17** de octubre el Señor obispo dio Apertura al proceso de la primera fase del Pre-Sínodo "Caminando Juntos" El Sínodo es una invitación para que cada diócesis se embarque en un camino de profunda renovación inspirada por la gracia del Espíritu de Dios. Como se indica en el Documento
- Preparatorio, el Sínodo se plantea una cuestión principal: ¿Cómo se realiza hoy en nuestra Iglesia el "caminar juntos" en la sinodalidad? ¿Qué pasos nos invita a dar el Espíritu para crecer en nuestro "caminar juntos"? El obispo Koenig nos invita a que oremos en comunidad o individualmente todos los días
- **Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus (Oración invocando al Espíritu Santo.)**

Estamos ante ti, Espíritu Santo,  
reunidos en tu nombre.

Tú que eres nuestro verdadero consejero:

ven a nosotros, apóyanos, entra en nuestros corazones.

Enséñanos el camino, muéstranos cómo alcanzar la meta.

Impide que perdamos el rumbo como personas débiles y pecadoras.

No permitas que la ignorancia nos lleve por falsos caminos.

Concédenos el don del discernimiento,

para que no dejemos que nuestras acciones se guíen por prejuicios y falsas consideraciones. Conduce-nos a la unidad en ti,

para que no nos desviemos del camino de la verdad y la justicia, sino que en nuestro peregrinaje terrenal nos esforzamos por alcanzar la vida eterna.

Esto te lo pedimos a ti, que obras en todo tiempo y lugar,

en comunión con el Padre y el Hijo por los siglos de los siglos. Amén

- Si usted está interesado en participar y compartir sus talentos como lector,

música, ujier, ministros Extraordinario de la Comunión, Arte y Ambientación, dar Clases Pre-bautismales. Por favor llame a la oficina al 302-674-5787 ext. 118

- Nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a todos los que participaron y cooperaron para que el evento del lavado de carro fuera todo un éxito. En la unión esta la fuerza ambas parroquias trabajaron conjuntamente por un mismo objetivo y se logró.
- Symbolon Explicación de la fe católica: conocimiento de la fe. Estamos ofreciendo una serie de videos / libros de estudio una vez más El costo es de \$ 25 para el libro del participante Parte 1
- En español en la parroquia de la Santa Cruz. Con el padre Oscar y la Sra. Arline. Todos los viernes a las 6:00 – 8:00 PM de la tarde el ELC. Si está interesado hable con la Sra. Arline.
- En ingles en la parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción con la Sra. Alicia. Todos los lunes a las 7:00P.M.

## EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA (IC)

- Las clases de catecismo comenzaron el pasado domingo 19 a las 9:40. Si todavía no ha inscrito a su hijo, ya perdió una semana de clase. Las inscripciones cierran el 15 de octubre.
- Te Necesitamos: ¡Catequistas para este año! Necesitamos catequista para el quinto grado y asistentes a catequistas. Si está interesado hable con la Sra. Alicia. Si lo está pensado esto puede ser su llamado.
- Primera Reconciliación nuestra próxima sesión será el martes 2 de noviembre. Su hijo tiene que estar inscrito para las clases de preparación.
- Sacramentos: Preparación para la Confirmación la próxima sesión será domingo, 14 de noviembre a las 2:30 de la tarde a 5:00 PM en el salón.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Regular Class – November 7th at 3:30pm

Next class November 21st

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

Dismissal from the ramp side will be as follows:

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

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

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

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LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis) Class – November 14th 10:30am-12:30pm in the Matthew/Mark Room; Next class Dec. 12th..

Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF, please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

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

## YOUTH AT HOLY CROSS

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

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

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (IC)

**Sacraments:**

**1st Reconciliation Prep -Our next session is on Tuesday, November 2nd. .**

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

### Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained-Knowing the Faith

You can still sign up if you are interested, please contact Alicia Poppiti to register. The cost is \$25 for Part 1.Presented in the Hall at ICC on Monday evenings beginning September 27th @ 7pm. Come join us, its not too late.

We are offering a video/study book series once again, for 10 Sessions that extend to approximately a 12-week time frame.

Here is a brief description, “Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained is a stunning new video series that systematically presents the BIG picture of the Catholic Faith. Filmed on location in Rome, the Holy Land, Calcutta, and in the Augustine Institute studios in Denver, dozens of nationally known teachers clearly present the beauty and brilliance of Catholicism. This compelling series contains two parts including ten episodes each. In Part 1 we journey through the core teachings of the Catholic Church traced out in the Creed and Catechism with the goal of knowing the Faith. We will start Part 2 after the first of the year.

**WE NEED YOU:** Catechists are still needed for this year! Needed for 5th grade, assistants, and substitutes. Please inquire with Mrs. Poppiti if interested or if you want more information. Thank you.

## PRAYER SHAWL GROUP (IC)

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

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

I am not even sure why I own a television. I don't derive any pleasure from it, truthfully. When I get home in the evening, often there is news on in the kitchen. The mute button is my best friend. I am an excellent lip reader, (seriously) and can get by quite well by only giving half a nod to whatever programming is being thrown at us over the airways. I can easily obtain a weather forecast on my phone and unless I have the time to sit and enjoy a movie, I'd just as soon not even bother. I'm not even sure why I own a television, let alone three of them!

Growing up it was a prime source of entertainment. All we ever had was a black and white version built into a cabinet. On one side was a stereo, (it didn't work) and on the other was the TV. My brother would spend hours watching his favorite shows---Batman, Dark Shadows, and all the football and baseball he could find on the three local stations. Even back then, I wasn't a particular fan. I do recall, however, some of the most clever and amusing commercials. The often quick and witty jingles would play over and over in my brain subliminally; which was the sole intension of the ad campaign management. I still recall the two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions, on a sesame seed bun campaign which must have sold over a trillion sloppy, artery clogging Big Mac sandwiches. And, in my opinion the best part of the Sunday night broadcast of Bonanza was the extended Chevrolet commercials that aired annually coinciding with the release of the new model cars and trucks. I thought these advertisements were so well designed as new vehicle models were filmed traveling the most scenic roadways in America. Pretty ingenious; the ads were aired throughout one of the most popular programs of the time and shown during a prime-time slot in an effort to garner the greatest viewership.

Marketing is an age-old tactic. I suppose there has always been some sort of product created by someone who felt that mankind would be well served by the use and purchase of the invention. How best to inform and get the word out? Personally, the hard copy works well for me. I read it once and dispose of it. Actually, paper advertisements marked the dawn of marketing way back with the Egyptians and their papyrus. Billions of dollars are spent on printed ad campaigns. There are those who still look to the newspaper to find all the best grocery store deals, coupons, and what few department stores that remain are diligent in their weekly production of color illustrated ads in an effort to get you through their doors.

I would not say that HCS has an aggressive marketing strategy. We have a brochure that we share with new families. But, the only place you a find it is at HCS. We have thought about having it placed in local offices and businesses, but it hasn't happened yet. The general public will find the school on social media. I'm a little picky about what's put out there, though. TMI is not my cup of tea. I would have to say that our best "marketing" strategy is by word of mouth. For many years this mode of advertising has proven successful for us. While it may seem like a passive approach to selling the school, we have done well by one family telling another family who then tells another.....(do you remember the old Prell shampoo commercial...? "I told two friends and they told two friends,....")

In all honesty, perhaps the best people to ask if you're looking for information about HCS is the students. I remember back in the day when I was able to take prospective families for a school tour. "Who can give Mrs. So and So one good reason why she should choose Holy Cross for her daughter?" I was never anxious about their responses. They were never prompted; after a while they fully expected to be asked and readily offered good reasons why HCS would be a wise choice. Good friends, no bullying, yummy lunches, recess, good teachers who care and listen....

Who better to set a mom or dad's mind at ease than a child who lives the experience?

Mrs. Bydlon, the fifth-grade teacher of Written Expression offered her students a writing prompt a couple of weeks back. The prompt was along the line of advice, or words of wisdom for a prospective family seeking a Catholic education. She gave me a few to read through. I share with you the student perspective:

- "HC teaches us how to behave appropriately."
- "It (HC) provides a wonderful religious education as well as a great academic education."
- "We do prayer in the morning and afternoon and learn about the seven sacraments."
- "You don't get bullied ... and we have a big playground."
- "Also, at HC you can join the Church of Jesus Christ."
- "When you advance into junior high HC provides school clubs and sports including basketball, field hockey, robotic, choir, art, and much, much more!"
- "At HC you get to meet new friends and new teachers who are really nice."
- "HC is strict, but in a nice way."
- "Are you ready to join us? We can't wait to see you around campus!"

The essays, all written in their best cursive penmanship included the benefits of wearing a school uniform, extra-curricular activities, after-school tutoring, and the beautiful school colors..."evergreen and crisp white."

The essay that resonated most loudly with me contained the school mission statement as the introductory paragraph: **HCS is an academically rich, faith-filled learning environment, thus ensuring a Catholic values-based education. At Holy Cross, we strive to convey a sense of justice, peace, compassion and respect for all God's creation."**

I think this just about says it all, don't you? Many thanks to our fifth-grade marketing geniuses!

er hand, the most evil thing is falling short of that: numerically speaking, 666. This is the sign of the anti-Christ, the mark of the beast and connected to Satan, who was close to the 777 (God) as an angel of God but lost his grace.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Ones!** In fall 2018, seven met three as seven saints were canonized by Pope Francis (abiding in the perfection of heaven) in one fell swoop. These seven, canonized shortly before All Saints Day achieved the earthly superlative of holiness to abide with the one God, who is, as per scripture, three-times holy (“holy, holy, holy”), in the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, who they followed in this life and who led them to the next life. Who are these seven saints canonized around this time three (there’s that number again) years ago? They are seven magnificent servants of God who lived lives that should shine out to us as exemplars of Christian life. Their souls – to paraphrase Mary – magnified the Lord for the world to see. Here’s are the hagiographies (saintly biographies) of these Magnificent Seven:

**Pope St. Paul VI.** Born: 1897, Italy; +1978. Giovanni Montini was ordained a priest in 1920, he was elevated to Cardinal in 1958 by Pope John XXIII. In 1963, he was elected as Pope Paul VI; one of his first acts was to choose to continue the Second Vatican Council. Pope Paul VI wrote seminal Catholic document regarding artificial contraception: 1968’s encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, which prohibited the use of such means of contracepting life. He was beatified by Pope Francis in 2014 and canonized a saint in 2018.

**St. Oscar Romero.** Born: 1917, El Salvador; +1980. Romero, a priest became Archbishop of San Salvador, the nation’s capital, in 1977. He was an outspoken leader on matter of human rights, and economic oppression in his nation. This pitted him squarely against the leader of his nation. He was assassinated by a gunman, while celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Chapel in Divine Providence Hospital. He was beatified by Pope Francis in 2015 and canonized in 2018.

**St. Vincent Romano.** Born: 1751, Kingdom of Naples; +1831. Vincenzo Romano was ordained to the Priesthood in 1775 and was renowned for his sanctity, simple way of life, great devotion to Blessed Sacrament, and care for orphans. Following damage to his parish church by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 1794, he worked to rebuild his parish by hand. He was beatified by Paul VI in 1963. He was beatified by Pope Paul VI in 1963 and canonized in 2018.

**St. Francesco Spinelli.** Born: 1853, Milan; +1913. Francesco Spinelli was a priest who helped found the Institute of the Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament, in 1882. It was a community made up nuns who dedicated themselves to perpetual Eucharistic adoration, which in turn guided their service to the poor and the ill. He was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 1992 and canonized in 2018.

**St. Nunzio Sulprizio.** Born: 1817, Italy; 1836. Sulprizio, as a child was put into hard labor by his uncle, as to earn him money. While doing this work, the boy developed gangrene and lost his leg. Uniting his sufferings to the Lord’s Passion, he was heard to say, “Jesus suffered a lot for me. Why should I not suffer for Him? I would die in order to convert even one sinner.” He served God by helping other patients likewise suffering, leading them to Christ. He died at age 19. He was beatified by Paul VI in 1963. He was beatified by Pope Paul VI in 1963 and canonized in 2018.

**St. Nazaria Ignacia of St. Teresa of Jesus.** Born: 1889; +1943. Spain. Moving with her family to Mexico in 1904, there she met the Sisters of the Abandoned Elders. She took her vows with the order served in a hospice in Bolivia for 12 years. In 1920, she founded the Congregation of the Missionary Crusaders of the Church, which had the mission of catechizing children and adults and supporting the work of priests. She was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 1992 and canonized in 2018.

**St. Maria Katharina Kasper.** Born: 1820, Germany; +1898. Katherina Kasper felt the call to religious life but saw the need to remain home helping her family. After both of her parents had died, Katherina went on to found the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, serving the Lord and those in need. She was beatified by Paul VI in 1978 and canonized in 2018.

Let us turn to these seven in prayer, and ask them to pray for us, that one day we may be with them, standing before the three-in-one, the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; thrice perfect, thrice holy, one God!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James Lentini  
Pastor