



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

September 12, 2021

24th 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

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them,
"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me."

Mt 8:34



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.

WILMINGTON MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Join the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage with Bishop



William Koenig at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on September 25, 2021, from 10 am to 4 pm.

A bus will leave from Holy Cross approximately 7 am. We have secured a coach bus for this trip. Limited seats available. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Call the Parish Office to reserve your seat. Payment must be received in order to hold your seat.

Schedule includes 10:15 am Opening prayer, 10:30—Noon tours of the grounds, 12:30 pm lunch, 1:30 pm holy hour and confessions, 2:30 pm benediction and reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and ends with Mass at 3 pm.

We may reserve a spot to stop for dinner on the way home but watch for details on this.

Any questions, please call the Parish Office at 302-674-5787, ext 110.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

August 29, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$26,570	\$25,700	\$870
YTD	\$226,918	\$231,300	(\$4,382)
Needs	\$1,772	\$1,480	\$292

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending August 29, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$4,049
2nd	\$60

For Holy Cross, 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 appreciate your generosity to the church.

Dear Parishioners,

Last Bulletin, I spoke about the need for evangelization. This bulletin I want to give you my sense of twelve reasons why it is great to be (become) Catholic. With the exception of items one and two, these are not in a particular order. And yes, as always, with my ramblings, there is overlap!

1. The Eucharist. The Sacrament of the Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. It's the Bread from Heaven! Better than Wonder Bread this the bread of wonder which actually isn't bread at all — it is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. We believe the Eucharist IS Jesus. We take seriously Jesus' words in the Gospel of John: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink" (John 6:54-55). In the Eucharist Jesus Christ is present to us; he is really present — not a symbolic presence, but a real presence. In this we receive Jesus Christ reverently in the reception of Holy Communion, we genuflect before entering our seat in Church, we kneel down before him in Adoration (in places like the Adoration Chapel, or in Church). Whether visible to us in a monstrance (in Adoration), received in Holy Communion, made present to us on the Altar, and revered behind the doors of a Tabernacle, the Eucharist — the most Blessed Sacrament — is Jesus Christ present to us.

2. The Mass and Sacraments. There are different people, different parishes, different languages, but the same Mass. One size fits all, whether you are in Japan, Namibia, Suriname, Kiribati, or right here on the Delmarva Peninsula. The Mass is the Mass. Mass is the Sacrament of the Eucharist, but there also six other Sacraments in our Church, each instituted by Christ to confer grace. We have Baptism to cleanse us from the taint of original sin, and unite us into the mystical body of Christ as part of his flock; reconciliation (confession), to gain absolution from our sins committed post-Baptism; Confirmation to complete Baptismal graces and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit; Matrimony to allow a man and a woman to unite for procreation (continuing the faith) and strengthening one another in faith until death; Holy Orders wherein men answer God's call to ordained ministry; and Anointing of the Sick, wherein the sick and dying receive the grace to find healing peace, as they prepare for the Beatific vision of God.

3. The Blessed Mother. Mary has got our back, and she's got God's ear. We love and honor Mary,

our heavenly mother, just as Jesus did. We give her respect and reverence as the Mother of God. As John the Apostle took Mary into his home, we take Mary into our hearts. We do not worship Mary (only God is worshipped) but we do honor her for saying "yes" to the Holy Spirit, for her closeness to her Son, and for being Jesus' first and most faithful disciple. We recognize Mary as the Mother of the Church who leads the faithful into a closer relationship with Christ.

4. Divine Revelation. Our Catholic faith is built on both Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. For many years after the death of Christ, the Christian faith was passed on through oral tradition. "So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter" (2 Thessalonians 2:15). Later at the Council of Carthage in 379 A.D., the Catholic Church declared which writings were divinely inspired and selected for the canon of Sacred Scripture, and the Bible as we know it came to full fruition. Even so, the oral tradition continued in addition to the written Scriptures. This tradition, which can be traced back to the apostles, is called our Sacred Tradition. Some Christian denominations base everything only on Scripture (Sola scriptura - only scripture), but that is insufficient to relay the fullness of what is revealed to us in his Divine Revelation.

5. The Magisterium. So we have Divine Revelation — but, what does all this mean? This is where the Magisterium — or teaching office — of the Church comes into play. You see, we believe the Church continues to be guided by the Holy Spirit through the teaching authority of the Church (the communion of Bishops, known as the Magisterium), which addresses the issues of our time and speaks the Truth in one voice. The wonderful "Catechism of the Catholic Church" contains our sacred teachings.

6. Catholic Education. I love Catholic Schools; they are a blessing for our young people; they continue the tradition of educating the young in the Catholic faith. Catholic education is broader than that: we have religious education programs, adult education programs, and sacramental preparation programs. We have art (like paintings, mosaics, and stained glass windows) that teach and tell of the story of our faith and beliefs through astoundingly beautiful images. We have volumes and volumes of writings and texts that make explicit the truths of the Catholic faith. All of this is part of the Catholic educational experi-

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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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Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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LITTLE BOOKS

Immaculate Conception is taking orders for the Little Reflection books for the various liturgical seasons. Cost is \$5.00 for the set. Orders and payment can be taken in the HC or ICC Parish Offices. The order will be placed on October 1 so all who wish to purchase must place their order by September 28.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Sometimes in marriage it seems like one of us is deaf or at least not listening. Other times the speaker mumbles (or so I tell my husband). Which of you is better at speaking; which at listening? Practice each other's gift.

PARENTING POINTERS

Twenty years ago, on Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists attacked NYC and Washington DC. How old were you? If your children are old enough, share your experience of how you felt. Are there things that frighten them today?

CEMETERY NEWS

Cremation or traditional burial? That is the question. While the traditional burial of the body in a casket is still the preference of most, the trend towards cremation seems to be increasing every year. Currently, Holy Cross cemetery is experiencing a 35% cremation rate. Interment either way can be accommodated both in-ground and in the mausoleum or columbarium. An interesting twist for couples is when one wants the traditional burial and the other wants to be cremated. This is accomplished in one of two ways: (1) a single in-ground grave is acquired and both a casket and a cremation urn can be placed in that grave, and (2) a single mausoleum crypt can also accommodate the placement of a casket and a cremation urn. Remember, the important thing is to plan ahead and not leave interment decisions to your surviving spouse or children. Contact Len Dornberger to discuss options further at 302-674-5787 x135.

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 12 24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: WISDOM 2:12, 17-20

Wrongdoers are reluctant to trust people who focus on doing what is right and sometimes try to catch them out.

SECOND READING: JAMES 3:16—4:3

Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

GOSPEL: 9:30-37

Jesus says that anyone who welcomes a little child in his name welcomes Christ himself; and anyone who welcomes Christ welcomes not him but the Father who sent him.

ALTAR SERVERS (HC)

There will be a review sessions for all CURRENT altar servers on Saturday, September 11, beginning at 9 am in the church. Deacon Vince will review the procedures and get current information from the altar server as to the Mass they wish to serve on the weekends.

We need NEW altar servers. We are offering a training for anyone in Grade 5 and up who would like to become an altar server. This training will be on Saturday, September 25, at 9 am in the church. If interested in serving at Mass, please call the Parish Office to leave your name and phone number so we know you will be attending this new altar server training.

EMHC'S AND LECTORS (HC)

We want to start publishing a new Ministry Schedule for our Masses but we need your information to update our records. By Sept 6, please send your name, address, email address, phone number, and Mass you wish to serve to mdornberger@holycrossover.org. If you do not have email, please call Michele Dornberger at 674-5787, ext 116. Since Mass times have changed, we need everyone to respond to know who still wishes to be active or taken off our list and the Mass you wish to help with.

RECENTLY DECEASED (HC & ICC)

Condolences to the families of

- *Alicia Arnold* who recently passed.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

NEW PARISHIONERS (HC)

We welcome our newly registered parishioners:

- Michael, Hilary, Vivian, Cora Prystajko and Bradley Jachimiek
- Juanita Thomas, Manfredy Argueta-Lopez, Makayli, Mercedes, and Alani Argueta
- Martha Pina Montano, Daniella , Fernando Dorsainvil
- Michael Walker

NEWLY BAPTIZED (HC)

Congratulations to the families of our newly baptized members:

- Jack Preston Gallagher
- Olivia Noelle Penrose

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS (HC)

Our K of C will hold a Meatball Sub sale at the Columbian Home, 219 Vepco Blvd, Camden, DE on September 11 from 12 to 5pm. Stop buy to

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER

13 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am George Durk

14 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Richard Callan

15 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am Lawrence Peer

16 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Ken White
ICC 6 pm For the People

17 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Grace Ricci

18 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Jim Nolan
HC 5 pm Edward Roge

19 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Steve Budinsky
ICC 8:30 am Theresa Trieste
HC 9:30 am Vern Bresnahan
ICC 11 am Carl DeFrancesco
HC 11:30 am Walter Mendonza
ICC 1 pm For the People

(LI = LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

purchase your sub. For \$10.

The Knights also we plan to restart their Sunday breakfast after Mass on Sunday, September 26, following the 7:30 and 9:30 am Masses. Please make plans now to join us for a delicious breakfast.

LIHEAP HELP

Catholic Charities is the statewide administrator for



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Diocese of Wilmington

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HEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program). If you need help paying your home energy bill, LIHEAP may be able to help.

Contact Catholic Charities at 302-674-1782.

They will inform you of the documentation that is needed in order to apply and to schedule your appointment.

MASS MINISTERS

A SCHEDULE FOR EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS WILL NOT BE PUT OUT AT THIS TIME. PLEASE STEP FORWARD TO ASSIST AT THE MASS YOU ATTEND.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER TO LET OTHERS HAVE A CHANCE TO COME FORWARD SO THEY, TOO, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST AT MASS. WE HAVE MANY WHO WANT TO ASSIST BUT NEVER GET THE CHANCE TO STEP FORWARD.

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Lector Schedule for Sept 2021

At Holy Cross:

5 pm Mass

Sept 11 D. Kilby
 Sept 18 L. Christiansen
 Sept 25 J. Killman

7:30 am Mass

Sept 12 C. Cuffee
 Sept 19 J. Davis
 Sept 26 R. Pritchett

9:30 am Mass

Sept 12 C. Parks
 Sept 19 T. Baurys
 Sept 26 M. Sherlock

At Immaculate Conception

8:30 am Mass

Sept 12 G. Godfrey
 Sept 19 D. Smith
 Sept 26 T. Thompson

11 am Mass

Sept 12 A. Meyer
 Sept 19 D. King
 Sept 26 L. Schlaupitz

For Holy Cross Ministry schedule: All altar servers, lectors, and extraordinary ministers, please see the note on page 5 of this bulletin so we can get new information from you to create a new regular schedule.

For ICC, please get in touch with Marilyn Dixon at mdixon@iccmaryl.org if you have any questions about the ministry schedule.

Thank you.

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, 1 pm,, 8 pm
MONDAY	2 pm, 5 pm
TUESDAY	5 am
WEDNESDAY	6 am, 8 am, 12 pm
THURSDAY	12 pm, 1 pm, 4 pm
FRIDAY	7 am, 8 am, 11 am, 6 pm
SATURDAY	5 am, 6 am, 8 am, 10 am, 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm

DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories are in the Parish Office. If you have not picked up your copy yet, please stop by the office to get your copy. It is best to please call ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it ready for you to pick up.

HELP THE PEOPLE OF HAITI

A massive 7.2 magnitude earthquake has hit Haiti, killing nearly 1300 people, with death toll numbers increasing. The shock leveled homes, leaving thousands without shelter. Countless others are injured and hospitals are already overwhelmed. Your gift to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is critical for the families in Haiti. When you give, you provide immediate assistance for our Haitian sisters and brothers desperate to survive this devastating situation. Your help will deliver immediate relief. Your prayers and support will make so much difference. Please give a vital gift today - visit www.crsrelief.com

CAR SHOW AT ICC

Immaculate Conception will host a car show on its grounds on October 16, 2021 from 10 am to 4 pm. Entry fee is \$10/car.

There will be prizes give out for various categories. Food will be available for purchase.

Music will be provided by "The Godfather of New England Doo-Wop". He will be playing original vinyl recordings from the 50's and early 60's. The same tunes you heard on your radio.

Contact Bill Thompson at 302-492-8005 or Woody Gravenor at 302-779-2168 for more information.

- Caminamos por FE con nuestro obispo William Koenig y sacerdotes de la diócesis en una peregrinación Mariana a la Basílica de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington D.C. el sábado, 25 de septiembre, 2021 El bus sale de Holy Cross a las 7:00AM. Puede comprar los boletos después de la misa o comuníquese con la Sra. Arline Dosman directora del Ministerio Hispano.
- Por favor de APAGAR o silenciar los celulares y todo aparato electrónico antes de entrar al Templo, que es un lugar sagrado donde se va a tener un encuentro con el Señor nuestro Dios.
- La virgen peregrina ya está visitando casas, si usted desea tener la virgen en su casa por una semana y rezar el santo Rosario con su familia con la imagen de la virgen peregrina anótese con la Sra. Marta Espinosa. Se le entregara a imagen el domingo al final de la misa y usted la devuelve el próximo domingo en la misa para e entregara la siguiente familia.
- Foro Cristino Comienza el viernes 17 de septiembre,2021 a las 6:00 de la tarde el ELC. Volveremos a empezar con Symbolon: Explicación de la fe católica: conocimiento de la fe. Estamos ofreciendo una serie de videos / libros de estudio una vez más. Si está interesado, comuníquese con la Sra Arline Dosman para Inscribirse. El costo es de \$ 25 para el libro del participante Parte 1

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA (ICC)

Inscripciones para el próximo año escolar 2021-2022: Necesitamos planear para maestros, espacio y libros. Por favor vea a la Sra. Alicia para que le entregue su aplicación para su hijo.

Las clases empiezan el Domingo, 19 de septiembre a las 9:40 a.m. Su niño tiene que estar inscrito para asistir. Si no están inscritos antes del 12 de septiembre, no podrán asistir el primer día de clases.

Sacramentos: Reunión de Padres de familia

para los que se están preparando para su Primera Reconciliación y Primera Comunión será el domingo, 19 de septiembre a las 2:30 de la tarde en el salón o el martes 21 de septiembre a las 7:00PM Por favor hágale saber a la Sra. Alicia cual va a asistir.

Reunión de Padres de familia para los candidatos que se están preparando para su Confirmación domingo, 26 de septiembre a las 2:30 de la tarde en el salón o el martes 28 de septiembre a las 7:00PM Por favor hágale saber a la Sra. Alicia cual va a asistir.

Se necesitan Catequistas para el nuevo año escolar ! Para el Kinder (el jardín de infancia) y 5to grado. Consulte con la Sra. Poppiti lo antes posible. Si se lo está preguntando, esta puede ser su vocación.

Symbolon: Explicación de la fe católica: conocimiento de la fe. Estamos ofreciendo una serie de videos / libros de estudio una vez más, para 10 sesiones que se extienden a aproximadamente un marco de tiempo de 12 semanas. Si está interesado, comuníquese con Alicia Poppiti para registrarse. El costo es de \$ 25 para la Parte 1 y es necesario registrarse para tener su guía de participante. Presentado en el Salón del ICC los lunes por la noche a partir del 27 de septiembre., "Symbolon: La fe católica explicada es una nueva serie de videos asombrosos que presenta sistemáticamente la imagen GRANDE de la fe católica. Filmado en lugares en Roma, Tierra Santa, Calcuta, y en los estudios del Instituto Augustine Institute en Denver, docenas de maestros conocidos a nivel nacional presentan claramente la belleza y el brillo del catolicismo. Esta convincente serie contiene dos partes que incluyen diez episodios cada una. En la Parte 1, viajamos a través de las enseñanzas centrales de la Iglesia Católica descritas en el Credo y el Catecismo con el objetivo de conocer la Fe. En la Parte 2, nos enfocamos en nuestro encuentro con Dios en los sacramentos y la vida moral para que podamos vivir plenamente la Fe".

REGISTRATION FOR 2021/22 REL. ED (HC)

2021-2022 Religious Education Class registration forms now available on line at <https://holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation>.

Registration for Religious Education is due July 16, 2021. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

LAFF (LIVING AS A FAMILY OF FAITH) (HC)

September 12th 10:30am-12:30pm in the Matthew/Mark Room

CONFIRMATION PREP (HC)

Confirmation Classes begin this Sunday, September 12 and Wednesday, September 15 for those who have registered.

If you have not registered yet, please contact Linda Darling at ldarling@holycrossover.org.

CHWC INTEREST MEETING (HC)

Will take place on Monday, September 27 at 7 pm in the Matthew/Mark room.

Catholic Heart Work Camp is open to those entering 8th grade through first year of college. Please come find out about our week planned for this coming summer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (IC)

Registration for next year. We need to plan for teachers, space and books. Please see Ms. Alicia to hand in your child's registrations.

Classes begin on Sunday, September 19th at 9:40am. Your child must be registered to attend. If not registered before the 12th, they will not be able to attend first day of classes.

WE NEED YOU: Catechists needed for next year! Needed for Kindergarten, and 5th grade, and assistants. Please inquire with Mrs. Poppiti as soon as possible. If you are wondering, then this may be your calling.

Sacraments: Parent Meeting for

1st Reconciliation/Communion Preparation

children: On Sunday, September 19th @ 2:30pm in Hall or Tuesday, September 21 @ 7pm in hall. Please let Ms. Alicia know which you are attending. This meeting will go over necessary require-

ments, registration and schedule for this year.

Parent Meeting for Confirmation Prep Candi-

dates: On Sunday, September 26 @2:30pm in hall or Tuesday, September 28 @7pm in hall. Please let Ms. Alicia know which you are attending. This meeting will go over necessary requirements, registration, retreats and schedule for this year.

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained-Knowing the Faith

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

If you are interested, please contact Alicia Poppiti to register. The cost is \$25 for Part 1 and registration is necessary in order to have your participant guide. Presented in the Hall at ICC on Monday evenings beginning September 27th.

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. In Part 2, we focus on our encounter with God in the sacraments and the moral life so that we can be fully living the Faith."

FUND RAISER AT IC

To help defray cost of HVAC repair in church.

Fun & Nonsense 4 Shows

Bingo, Fun & Sainly Prizes

Sept. 11 at 4 PM and 6:30 PM

Sept. 12 at 9:30 AM and 2:30 PM

\$10 Donation

SVDP MEETING AT 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.

PARISH PICNIC AT IC

Saturday, September 25, from 2 to 6 pm.

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers provided.

Join us for Music, Hayrides, and Games.

Please bring a covered dish.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP (IC)

Our meetings will start again. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, September 16 at 11 AM in the ICC parish hall.

Questions? Call Karen Cairns 302-382-9316

Sometimes I just view them as a necessary evil, I refer to those pesky after school meetings. My first one of the year occurred on the first full day of school. Making my way back from the dismissal line saying prayers of thanksgiving that the storm had waited for us to get the kids out, the skies were blackening. Mrs. White, Mrs. Swartzentruber and I sat down to discuss our first prayer service of the year.

Social Studies is one of the academic subjects HC children begin learning as early as three years old. Community helpers, birthdates of famous historic figures such as George Washington and Johnny Appleseed are celebrated with stories, songs and crafts. For many Social Studies and History are favorite subjects. I developed a fondness for history in college when I took a Russian history course. I further developed my appreciation for past events through literature. Historic fiction is my favorite genre. I used to enjoy sitting in on Mr. Jones' history classes because he taught with a passion for the subject, possessing a genuine love for all things of the past. Recalling his fervor for the Civil War period, I recall his ability to engage his students in meaningful conversation of cause and effect of events, famous historical figures of the time; significant men and women who shaped and influenced the pathway to the future. It takes a certain gift to muster up an interest in subject matter that is difficult to relate to because.....they have nothing to relate to.

This was the challenge we faced as we met to plan and discuss the prayer service where we would pay tribute to the men and women who fell victim to the attackers who invaded American air space, killing countless numbers on that fateful day, twenty years ago on September 11, 2001.

Twenty years ago. We've seen the bumper stickers, the different pieces memorabilia, the coffee mugs, the baseball caps, the sweatshirts, posters, puzzles; the list is lengthy of items bearing the message *We Will Never Forget*. Forget? For those of us for whom the vision of destruction will be forever ingrained; no, we won't forget. But for those who are of school age, the events of 9/11 fall under the heading of Ancient History. So, as we do for all other historical events, we present the facts, figures, whys and wherefores in the classroom. This year in special commemoration we will gather in our church as a school community to remember and pray for all those who were in anyway affected by those events, and to pray for our country. Therein lies the challenge. We are community ranging in age from Pre-K through junior high. How to tailor the message so

that the meaning is not just a bunch of words, so that the music conveys the compassion and the sorrow felt by us all as we go forth in remembrance.

The winds were beginning to pick up and the skies were rumbling as we began to tackle the challenge before us. We had a prepared service that we were trying to tweak to suit our needs. Deletions were made, additions were made, we discussed having a guest speaker---maybe that should be virtual? Maybe something on You-Tube? We don't want anything too graphic or disturbing, though. We decided upon our presider, and we decided to have the American flag carried in dignified procession while *American Tears* is played as a backdrop. We agreed to tackle the "why" behind our gathering at the beginning. We decided on a candle-lighting---not sure when or where that will fall in the service...we discussed having one of our talented trumpet players play the Star Spangled Banner, or maybe Taps?? Both?? When?? We chose the readings. We decided to have our eighth grade class close the prayer service by leading our students in *God Bless America*. Another huge gust of wind blew the leaves and branches in what appeared to be circular formations as Mrs. S. looked askance out the window before coming back to the issue at hand. *Be Not Afraid* will be placed closer to the beginning, *On Eagles Wings* somewhere in the middle, perhaps after the Litany. *Let There Be Peace On Earth* as the classes recess back to their classrooms?? Sound good?? One of the best ideas was to have one of our teachers read the children's book, *September 12th, We Knew Everything Would Be Alright*. We are exploring the possibility of having the pages displayed on the wall as the story is read.

We disbanded our meeting with the promise of coming back together. Mrs. White was going to clean up the copy upon which all the notes were taken and send us the copy. Mrs. S. was going to bring together the music, and Mrs. Williams was going to be brought in to work on the technology piece. We have a plan! We just have to bring it all together; and we will.

Our next challenge? **The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**---the feast day of our school; just three days later; soon to be followed by our Back To School prayer service.

We are a busy and productive committee and we are very excited about being able to gather in the church once again.

**Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.**

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7. Angels and Saints. People like to talk today about the benefit of extended families and multigenerational families being together. Well before “The Waltons,” “The Brady Bunch” and even “Everybody Loves Raymond” made pop-culture play of extended families, the Catholic Church cornered the market on this! We have angels and saints — they pray with us and for us. Angels brings God’s messages (grace) to us, and saints are those who went before us, and now abide in the Heavenly kingdom. The way we may ask a friend to pray for us during a tough time, so, too, we call on the saints (and angels) — as part of our family of God’s created beings — to join us in prayer and intercede for us. Mary is Queen of All Saints, and she prays with us and for us, all the time. Speaking of prayer, the Catholic faith has...

8. Huge and Great Treasury of Prayers. As one website note, “Being Catholic means never having to ramble when we run out of conversation.” Many times we pray to God in our own words, but at other times we pray in the words blessedly given to us by Mother Church. Whether it is the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Hail Holy Queen, the Acts of Faith, Hope and Love, or any of the countless prayers to God, through the intercession of saint, litanies, meditations, scriptural prayers — whatever the case — we have a treasury of prayer... and there is always a prayer somewhere in this treasury that helps to express your needs, your contrition, your thanksgiving or your adoration of God.

9. We’re Universal (Catholicity). The word “catholic” means universal. The Catholic Church, established by Jesus Christ, is meant for all people for all times. Back in ancient times there was belief in Greek gods, Roman gods, Egyptian gods... these gods were tied to nations and lands. But our faith knows no earthly boundary — it is open to all who desire to follow Christ and live his teachings.

10. Apostolic Tradition/Succession. Jesus said to St. Peter: “And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church. ...I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 16:18, 19). This marked the beginning of what we called Apostolic Tradition (which is part of Sacred Tradition). A part of that unbroken tradition is Apostolic Succession. As one writer said about this: “It is our faith, that the Church was built on the witness of the first apostles and carried on by their successors and the Christian community through the ages. The pope receives his authority through an unbroken line of ‘succession’ that began with Saint Peter. Each Pope receives the keys of Saint Peter and thereby directly carries on the work of Jesus Christ. The Pope and all bishops, are connected to this apostolic succession.” Thus each Deacon and Priest ordained, can trace his ordination back to a Bishop, who himself was ordained by a Bishop — and so on and so forth — and can trace that ordained lineage back to Jesus Christ.

11. Catholic Social Teaching. “The Church’s social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society.” as per a statement by the U.S Catholic Bishops. We are a pro-life Church, recognizing the dignity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Recognizing that we are formed and forged in the image and likeness of God, we know that life is sacred. The Catholic Church is the largest charitable organization in the world, we worked to defend the unborn, the ill and the aged; we serve in hospitals, orphanages, refugee camps, schools, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and nursing homes. We, as part of the mystical body of Christ, continue Christ’s work in the world.

12. Sacramentals. These are signs of the faith: rosary beads, ashes on Ash Wednesday, palms on Palm Sunday, statues, medals, chaplets, scapulars, holy water, etc. Because we are a physical people, the Church gives us concrete signs and reminders of our faith; these are powerful and sacred items that serve as tangible, visible promptings to remain faithful and remind us as well as of God’s love for us.

You may have your own top 10, or like radio host Casey Kasem, even a top 40. Whatever the case, I just know it is great to be Catholic!

Yours in Christ,
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