

CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

September 3, 2023 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time Labor Day Wkend

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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, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 am
Wednesday – 8:15 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

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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



I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil - this is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

Labor Day

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 ON MONDAY, SEPT 4, LABOR DAY WILL BE AT 9 AM ONLY.

Parish and School Offices will be closed. Parish Offices will return to full time hours on Tuesday, September 5.



DISASTER IN HAWAII

We've gotten several inquires regarding donations to help with the disaster in Hawaii. Interested parishioners should be directed to Catholic Charities USA to donate to the recovery effort.

<https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/?form=hawaii23> is a direct link to the donation page.



Please note that the Mass Book for 2024 does not open until November 1, 2023. We cannot take intentions for 2024 until we can open the new year Mass Book.

We have NO intentions slots available at Holy Cross for 2023. We do have openings for the Adoration Chapel candle or Tabernacle candle.

Thank you.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

Ending August 20, 2023

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$27,471	\$26,180	\$1,291
YTD	\$181,707	\$184,240	(\$2,533)
Needs	\$1,293	\$1,712	(\$419)

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending August 20, 2023

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	\$4,454
Second Collection	\$1,069

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We appreciate your support!
If you know of someone who would like to advertise in the bulletin, please contact
Diocesan Publications at 800-233-8200.

Dear Parishioners,

Have a wonderful Labor Day weekend, and if you have a moment try your hand and your pencil (or inkpen if you are brave), on this Late Summer Crossword which focuses on the saints of the tail-end of the summer season. Enjoy!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

** Note: You can complete this puzzle online at www.iccmarydel.org/puzzle **

ACROSS

- 1 Patron Saint of Delaware: Our Lady of ____
- 4 Apostle whose feast day is in September.
- 7 On September 20 we observe the memorial of Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions -- they are also known as the ____ Martyrs.
- 9 Archangel celebrated on the 29th of September who is the patron saint of medical workers and matchmakers.
- 12 A good king whose saint day is celebrated near the end of September: St. ____.
- 13 In August we celebrate Mary's Assumption and her ____
- 16 The number of sorrows of Mary that we recall on the September 15 (Our Lady of Sorrows)
- 17 August 28: St. Augustine of ____
- 18 St. ____ is the first canonized Filipino martyr, his saint day is September 22 (2 words)
- 19 September 2 is the saint day of Blessed John Francis ____ and Companions -- 195 priests martyred during the French Revolution
- 21 August 16: St. Stephen of ____
- 24 Saint whose feast day falls on Labor Day this year: Saint ____ (3 words)
- 28 Holy Cross Parish's street
- 30 Appropriate for this weekend, Pope St. John Paul II's papal document "Laborem Exercens" was on the topic of human ____
- 31 August 29: The ____ of St. John the Baptist

- 34 The patron saint of one of our area universities has his saint on September 10: St. Thomas of ____
- 36 Saint who ministered to the slaves and converted them to Christianity -- feast day on September 9 (two words)
- 39 Saint from the end of September who is credited with translating the Bible into Latin: Saint ____
- 40 19th-century's most important English-speaking Catholic theologian, spent the first half of his life as an Anglican and the second half as a Roman Catholic. His saint day is September 24: St. ____ (3 words)
- 41 Immaculate Conception Parish's street
- 42 On September 12 we celebrate the ____ Mary (two words)
- 43 His devotion to the Sacred Heart and to the Immaculate Heart led Pope Pius XI to declare him the father of the liturgical cult of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary: St. ____ (2 words)

DOWN

- 1 Archangel celebrated on the 29th of September who is the patron saint of police.
- 2 St. Augustine's mother (saint day on August 27)
- 3 Saint whose name means "golden-mouthed" is celebrated on September 13: St. John ____
- 5 Patron Saint of Maryland: Our Lady of the ____
- 6 September 19 saint whose blood liquifies, annually, on his feast day
- 8 On September 26, we celebrate the feast day of Pope St. Paul VI. Before taking the name Paul, his actual name was Giovanni Battista ____.
- 10 In 1882, Blessed Michael ____ formed the Knights of Columbus; his saint day is August 13, he was beatified in 2020.
- 11 Patron Saint of the Diocese of Wilmington (feast day is near the end of September): Saint ____ (3 words)

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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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HC STAFF

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Justin Wurzel	Maintenance Director
Len Dornberger	Cemetery Administrator, ext. 135
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Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

When Jesus was approached by those who wished to become disciples, he invited them to "...come and see," that is to come and be with me and my disciples for a while. Walk with us – learn who we are. Then make your decision to become a disciple.

Pope John Paul II said, "It is not enough to discover Christ – you must bring him to others!" The words of our Holy Father should encourage us to reach out to a neighbor, friend, relative and co-worker. If they do not have a church home, invite them to consider Holy Cross.

We are already making contact and responding to those who are interested in journeying with us to discover more about the Catholic Christian experience. Even if you have asked someone before and they have passed up the opportunity, today may be the time that the Holy Spirit has chosen for them. Invite them to discover at no obligation what the Catholic Church is really all about. Classes started in August on Sunday mornings at 9AM in the Early Learning Center. For more information, contact the Parish Office, 302 674-5787 extension 110.

VOCATIONS

Do you know we recently have two individuals who have entered the Religious Life. Please keep praying for these individuals and for more to consider religious life either as a priest, deacon, monk, or sister.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

We are in need of more volunteers who would be willing to be trained and become an EMHC for the sick and homebound. Consider this important ministry. Please pray and discern if this ministry is right for you. A training class will be held the beginning of October. Any questions please call the Parish Office. More details to follow.

23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (SEPT 10)

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 33:7-9

We can save one another's lives of faith.

SECOND READING: ROMANS: 13:8-10

Love is the answer to everything.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:15-20

Jesus teaches us to try to resolve our differences, knowing that he is always among us.

NOVENA FOR FEAST DAY OF HOLY CROSS

Beginning Wednesday, September 6, and running through September 14, Holy Cross will hold a Novena which will include Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Bishop Koenig will start off the Novena on September 6 at 7 pm. The evening will include hymns, prayers, readings, homily, and of course, Exposition and Adoration. Please join us for these nine days of prayer. Each following night will be led by one of our clergy. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

Saturday, Sept 9th

Across our country pro-life Americans will gather on this day to commemorate the more than **60 million children** who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child.

Please join us for this memorial service. If you would like to have a child remembered specifically, please provide his/her name to Donna Latteri in advance.

When: 10:00 -10:45 Sat. September 9th

Where: Holy Cross Cemetery in Dover
NW Corner near the Mausoleum
(Corner of William and N Queen
Streets.)

Contact: Donna Latteri 862-266-1099 or
dlatteri86@gmail.com.

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. All who wish to purchase must place their order by October 15.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR

We are looking for vendors to participate in our upcoming Fall Craft Fair on November 18, 2023. If interested please email HAS@holycrossdover.org.

MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

4 MONDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Doug Hall
5 TUESDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Hans Crews, Jr.
6 WEDNESDAY	
HC 8:15 am	Frank and Stefanie Glaz
7 THURSDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Frances Cassidy
ICC 6:00 pm	For the People
8 FRIDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Frances Cassidy
9 SATURDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Francis P. Domenick
HC 5:00 pm	Eugene W. Knapp
10 SUNDAY	
HC 7:30 am	Mary Catherine Clendaniel
ICC 8:30 am	Geraldine Bevenour
HC 9:30 am	William Niebrzydowski
ICC 11:00 am	Edwin Frank (LI)
HC 11:30 am	Jorge G. Rodriguez
ICC 1:00 pm	For the People

(LI—LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

THE SANCTUARY LAMP IN THE CHAPEL FOR SEPT 3-9 IS FOR (LI) FOR PRIESTS AT HC

THE SANCTUARY LAMP IN THE CHURCH FOR SEPT 3-9 IS FOR JOE CASEY, JR.



Holy Cross School FALL CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

10:00am-2:00pm

Holy Cross Gymnasium

631 S State Street, Dover, DE 19901



- *craft vendors
- *food trucks
- *kid activities
- *silent auction
- *bake sale

****please bring cash, not all vendors accept credit cards****

Sponsored by Holy Cross School HSA

Interested in being a vendor or volunteer?

Email: HAS@holycrossdover.org

SEPT 9/10, 2023			
	EMHC		SERVERS
5:00 PM	D. Darling	F. Ernst	G. Coyle
	L. Darling	D. Field	M. Coyle
			S. Murawski
			LECTORS
			H. Walker
			F. Urick
7:30 AM	J. Denney	S. Gede	B. Gyamfi
	R. Fritzsche	W. Thomas	E. Gyamfi
			S. Shevock
			LECTORS
			K. Meire
9:30 AM	D. Banach	S. Cordie	M. Milligan
	K. Boyer	D. Martinez	B. Song
			D. Song
			LECTORS
			C. Parks
			C. Petka
11:30 AM	C. Garcia	A. Luna	TBD
	B. Guzman		
			LECTORS
			TBD
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION			
	A. Smith		
8:30 AM			LECTORS
	J. Carrow		
11:00 AM			LECTORS
1:00 PM	TBD		

If you or someone from your family is going to be in one of our local rehabilitation facilities or nursing homes, our Extra-Ordinary ministers of Holy Communion serve all of these facilities. If you are going to be in one of these facilities, even for a short time, please be sure to register yourself as a Catholic so that you will be on their list for our ministers to bring you the Eucharist on the weekend. All the facilities are very cooperative and will gladly add the name to the list for our ministers each week.

If you are in the hospital make sure you are on their Catholic list so we can have our ministers bring you communion daily. You must inform the hospital to put you on the Catholic list otherwise we do not know you are there.

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.

Call John Murphy at 302-233-1779 or email him at jkm2015@verizon.net to schedule.



- SUNDAY 4 pm, 5pm, 8 pm
- MONDAY 5 pm
- TUESDAY 5 am, 8 pm
- WEDNESDAY 7 am
- FRIDAY 6 am
- SATURDAY 5 am, 9 am, 10 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm

KNITTING GROUP

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting and fellowship, join the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We met on Tuesday mornings from 10 am to Noon in the St. Look Room of the Early Learning Center Building. We plan to start up again on Tuesday, September 5. Please come join us to see what we are all about.

COMING SOON—OKTOBERFEST AT ST. JOHN'S

30th Annual Oktoberfest at St. John the Apostle, Milford is scheduled for October 6th from 6 PM to 10 PM and October 7th from 12 PM to 10 PM. Lots of good ethnic foods, good music and good fun for all ages. For more information please call Bonnie at 302-236-5296.



- **El día 6 de septiembre**, Fiestas Patronales: La novena de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz comienza el día 6 de septiembre en la iglesia a las 7:00 de la noche con la Exposición del Santísimo. Quedan todos cordialmente invitados a pasar una hora con Jesús Sacramentado.
- **El día 10 de septiembre** después de la misa tendremos una hora Santa con Exposición del Santísimo. Es una de las actividades que nuestra parroquia está haciendo en el Año del Avivamiento Eucarístico. El Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional es un movimiento para restaurar y avivar la comprensión y la devoción a este gran misterio, ayudándonos a renovar nuestra adoración a Jesucristo Sacramentado. Jesucristo Presencia Real en la Eucaristía, que muchos católicos no creen y por eso se está promoviendo en todo el país la presencia real de Jesús sacramentado que es la fuente y cumbre de nuestra fe .
- Venga y quédese una hora más con Jesús que nos da todo lo que tenemos y que no merecemos, es por puro amor por nosotros.
- **Festival Hispano y Cuadrangular de Fútbol** El domingo 17 de Septiembre celebraremos la clausura de nuestras fiesta patronales y el comienzo de nuestra Herencia Hispana con un Festival de Comida y un Cuadrangular de futbol, venga y apoye nuestro evento. Si desea colaborar donando, su tiempo y talento hable con cualquier de los miembros de la Junta directiva o llame a la oficina parroquial al 302-674-5787 ext.118.
- **El Foro Cristiano:** Comienza el viernes, 8 de septiembre de 6:00PM hasta las 8:00PM. Venga y fórmese para poder defender su Fe Católica, esto será un curso de formación que termina el día 2 de junio 2024. El tema de este año es sobre “ El Misterio Eucarístico” que sin duda es el centro de nuestra FE, de la Liturgia Sagrada y sobre todo de la vida cristiana.
- **Confirmación de Adultos:** El día 15 de Octubre tendremos la Confirmación de adultos, si usted es mayor de 18 años y no está confirmado por favor hable con el Sr. Luna para las clases. O llame a la oficina para anotarse.
- **La Virgen Peregrina** esta visitado casas. Si desea que la imagen de la virgen visite su hogar por una semana por favor de anotarse con la Sra. Martha Espinosa.
- **Educación Religiosa:** Inscriba a su niño para la Educación Religiosa que ya están abiertas. Si su hijo(a) no está asistiendo a una escuela católica debe de inscribirse en Las aplicaciones están en línea estarán llenando inscripciones después de la misa.
- **Comparta sus dones y Carismas:** Todo lo que tenemos es un regalo de Dios, y como cristianos tenemos la obligación de compartir esos dones que tenemos para la honra y gloria del Señor y para con el prójimo. Si usted desea servir en algún ministerio por favor hable con la Sra. Arline Dosman al 302-674-5787 ext. 118 o con uno de los miembros servidores de la Junta Directiva.

ICC

- **Show de Talentos:** Sábado, 2 de septiembre de 5 PM-9PM Categorias: Canto y Pintura. También habrá venta d quesadillas, pupusas, pollo con papas fritas, granizadas y mucho más. Para más información llame al 302-331-6778 o al 410-739-2045.
- **Educación Religiosa:** Las inscripciones para la Educación Religiosa para el año escolar 2023-2024 ya están abiertas. Inscriba a sus hijos ahora, para que podamos planificar en consecuencia. Las tarifas son de \$60 por 1 niño, \$120 por 2 niños, \$180 por 3 niños y \$200 por más de 4 niños. Después del 1 de julio habrá una tarifa adicional de \$10 por niño. Las clases comienzan el domingo 24 de septiembre de 2023.
- **Se necesitan voluntarios.** Si usted o alguien que conoce está interesado en ser voluntario, ser un líder de pares para la Educación Religiosa o la Preparación para la Confirmación, comuníquese con Alicia Poppiti @ dre@iccmmarydel.org o 410-482-8939.
- **La Inmaculada Concepción agradece:** ¡ A todos los que ayudaron, donaron y participaron, en la semana de Estudio Bíblico de Verano, tuvimos una semana espectacular.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Now is the time to register for K-8 faith formation!

Please go to the following link to register for religious education classes.

<https://holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation>

If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Korosec at either (302) 674-5787 X 122 or email tkorosec@holycrossover.org

LAFF (LIVING AS A FAMILY OF FAITH CATECHESIS)

LAFF, Living as a Family of Faith. How is your Faith growing; personally, and as a family? I was once told, "show me a Bible that has not been opened and I'll show you a family falling apart; show me a Bible falling apart, and I'll show you a family living in Faith." Put down the electronics and pick up the Bible and pray together as a family and learn to communicate with God and each other. Learn more about our Faith and the Catholic Church. Understand what "The Source and Summit" of our Catholic Faith is all about. Come out and join us; families gathering for prayer, communion with one another, sharing our Faith Life experiences. Bring your communications equipment with you: Basic Information Before Leaving Earth. BIBLE!

Now is the time to register for LAFF classes with your family! Please go to the following link to register for the LAFF program using the religious education form.

<https://holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation>

If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

YOUTH PROGRAMS AT HOLY CROSS

Confirmation Registration: Please return registration forms for preparation as soon as possible.

Forms may be found on the front page of the parish website.

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Registration for Religious Education for the 2023-2024 school year are now open.

Classes begin on Sunday, September 24, 2023

and run thru May 3, 2024.

Please get your children registered now, so that we may plan accordingly. Fees are now \$60 for 1 child, \$120 for 2 children, \$180 for 3 children and \$200 for more than 4 children.

Volunteers needed! If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, being a peer leader for Religious Education or Confirmation Preparation team member, please contact: Alicia Poppiti @ dre@iccmaryladel.org or 410-482-8939.

Sacramental Preparation for 1st Reconciliation/ Communion, Confirmation and OCIA/RICA for youth are online. Please fill out and return.

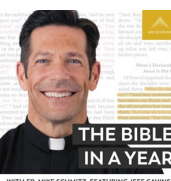
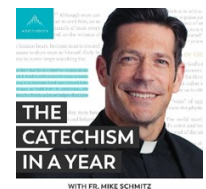
Sacramental meeting for: 1st Reconciliation/ Communion is on: Tues. September 19, @7:00pm in hall or Sun., Sept. 24, 2023 @2:30pm in hall.

Confirmation: Tues. Sep. 26 @7pm Hall or Sun. Oct. 1, 2023 2 noon or 2:30pm Office & Hall

**Catechist Beginning of the year Meeting on Thursday, September 7th at 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall at ICC
This is for all the Religious Education Catechists, assistants and helpers.**

ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>



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>



Inevitability. Those events that cannot be avoided. No running for the hills, there's no place to hide. We live our lives in sheer bliss while the minutes, hours, and days slip away until the moment, the hour, the day, or the year arrives to face the music. Recognition of the inevitable can well be denied, but that doesn't erase the fact, because it's just plain inevitable that the inevitable is going to materialize right in front of you. And, there isn't one single thing that can be done to delay or avoid it.

All of the minutes, hours, days, months, and years have vanished. All of them.

It is the year 2023. The faculty and staff are preparing to launch head first into the Middle States experience. This is an opportunity afforded to Catholic schools everywhere to conduct a close and honest examination of the school. The process at HCS has begun. A case study report is compiled over the period of one year with the intent to delve into every nook and cranny of the school's operation. The physical plant, after-school programs and extra-curricular activities, curriculum, student life and student performance. Faculty, staff, administration, students and parents---these groups are known as stakeholders in Middle States parlance and representation from all groups will be included at one point or another as our case study document is compiled and written.

The document is entitled Excellence By Design. The document as described by MSA (Middle States Association) follows:

"WHAT IS EXCELLENCE BY DESIGN? Excellence by Design (EBD) is an accreditation protocol that uses strategic planning as a vehicle for growth and improvement in student performance and in the school's capacity to affect that growth. The protocol, developed by the Middle States Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CESS), links various planning and school growth and improvement efforts. Excellence by Design leads the school to establish objectives for improving student performance and organizational capacity based on its vision of a preferred future for its students. Therefore, Excellence by Design is a future-oriented and visionary process."

We are only in the beginning stages of the study and close examination of our school. As a faculty and staff, we recognize and celebrate our many strengths and realize the opportunities for growth and improvement that exist that would make our school an even stronger educational institution that has stood strong in the community at large for going on seventy years. During our August Back To School faculty meeting we presented to the teachers and staff members the various Standards for their consideration in committee membership. We also presented the proposed modifications of the HCS Mission Statement. We now have a modified school mission statement that we will introduce in the 2024-2025 SY. As a collective body we will continue to explore our Foundation Documents which include our Belief Statements and the Profile of the Graduate as we step into the initial stages of our exploratory study.

The Self-Assessment of the Standards for Accreditation as published by the MSA and are an integral part of our self-study include:

- Foundations Standard:
 - Every effective school improvement process must begin with a clear definition of its preferred future and the understanding of the means to achieve it. MSA believes that the school's purpose and direction can best be expressed through three Foundation Documents: a Mission, a set of Core Values, and a Profile of a Graduate.
- Governance and Organization Standard:
 - A school must be clearly organized and effectively led in order to achieve its preferred future. MSA believes that school governance, leadership, faculty, and staff must work together collaboratively and cooperatively with the community to strategically plan for the school's continuous improvement. Policies and procedures detail roles and responsibilities of governance and leadership as well as the promotion of staff well-being.
- Student Well-Being Standard:
 - Effective learning requires a nurturing school community focused on student well-being. MSA believes the school must ensure the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of its students. Student well-being is developed in a school culture that encourages creativity, active engagement, and collaboration with families and the community.
- Resources Standard:
 - In order for a school to attain its preferred future, it must have sufficient resources. MSA believes those resources include finances, facilities, transportation, food services, and technology.
- Teaching and Learning Standard:
 - Teaching and learning are the core of every school. MSA believes curriculum and instruction and assessment must be linked to the school's Foundation Documents, be contemporary, reflective of best practices, and supported by appropriate professional development. Student performance must be measured and appropriate student services be provided to ensure all students reach their full potential.

I am grateful for Mrs. Deborah Borden and Ms. Kate White who have agreed to serve as Internal Coordinators and will oversee our planning process and development of a plan for growth.

It will be a long and intensive process from which we expect our efforts to bear much fruit. It happens every seven years. It is an inevitability in the life of a school. It is our turn. I ask for prayer support of our faculty and staff as we undertake the process.

14 The saint day of Saints Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus is on August 31. Among various patronages, they are the patron saints of _____

15 Saint who wrote "Disputations on the Controversies of the Christian Faith" has his saint day in September: Saint _____ (2 words)

20 On September 14 we celebrate the feast of the ____ of the Holy Cross

22 Born in northern France during the French Revolution, this September saint is the foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor: St. Jeanne _____

23 September 4 is the saint day of St. _____ of Viterbo.

25 St. Joseph of Cupertino has his saint day on September 18. This saint was said to have the ability to _____

26 September 8: Birth of Mary

27 August 24 is the feast day of St. Bartholomew the Apostle; he is also known by another name in scripture... what name is that?

29 Saint _____ is a Pope whose saint day is on September 16.

32 First Pope we celebrate during the month of September.

33 September is in this seasonal time of the Church: _____

35 The "X" celebrated on August 21 (two words)

36 The first day of autumn this year is September 23... it also the saint day of St. _____.

37 August 25 is the feast day of King St. Louis of France... which number King Louis is he?

38 August 23 is the saint day of St. Rose of Lima... she is the patron saint of _____.

40 There is a St. Paul of the Cross, a St. John of the Cross, but August 17 is the saint day of St. _____ of the Cross.

A Late Summer Puzzle

A lot of Saint Facts for late Summer ... and a few other items of interest!

