



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

September 5, 2021

23rd 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



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He has done all things well.
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."
Mt 7:37



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 22, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$27,063	\$25,700	\$1,363
YTD	\$200,348	\$205,600	(\$5,252)
Needs	\$1,626	\$1,480	\$146

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending August 22, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$4,217
2nd	\$100

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,

In the world of computers, I am what is called a “Mac guy” — yes that means that I use an Apple Macintosh computer. I not only use the Macintosh (aka “Mac”), but frankly I evangelize about it — I share the good news that there is a computer that by the genius of Apple, Inc. and the grace of God works simply, works smoothly and works always.

Of Ballet and Bytes. Why do I evangelize about my Mac? Because a Macintosh computer — a brand which I have used since 1985 — is stylish and graceful in use. Using a Macintosh Computer and seeing it in action is like watching a ballet — smooth movements, precision actions, a feast for the eyes.

The Windows Dance. This is, of course, in our split computer world, in stark contrast to a PC (aka a “Windows” machine). Using a Windows-based computer isn’t so much watching a ballet, rather its taking part in a square dance. In a square dance there are many quirks, different partners, random folks thrown together (some pairings work, some don’t); and there are moments when you pray to God in his mercy, not to let the klutzy newbie wind up as your partner, and crashing into you by his/her herky-jerky movements. Yep, that’s what I always think of Windows — kind of rough, quirky, with some software partnering well with the machine, others not so much, and the ongoing threat of the crashing, freezing or doing something odd.

Computer Evangelization. I bring you great tidings of good news! You heard my description of a Windows PC, and have likely, sadly, experienced it yourself. But I tell you, it doesn’t have to be like this — there is a better path. Yes, I tell you, that you can compute, write, text, listen to music, movies, tv, design, crunch numbers and make presentations without any fear of a crash or an unexpected complexity arising. Simply get a Mac, and you will be basking in the glory of bright light of Apple Computers.

Serpentine Fire? Yep, I evangelize, romanticize, proselytize and get fired-up about the Mac. You might wonder, am I some serpent tempting you with an “Apple,” so to speak? Not at all, because temptation is to-the-bad, and this is to-the-good. And isn’t that what we do with faith (hopefully)? We live and practice our faith, and call others to follow us and join us as we follow Jesus Christ. This call to others, this winning over of others, to

join us in the faith is commonly called evangelization (literally meaning, making known the Gospel).

Blaise of Glory. Seventeenth century philosopher Blaise Pascal wrote there are three groups of people in the world: (1) Those who have sought God and found Him, (2) those who seek God and have not yet found Him, and (3) those who do not seek and have not found him. But there is a fourth category, of which no one is a member: those who found Him without seeking Him. We can evangelize, to the Catholic faith, those in the first group; we can Evangelize to the presence of God, and then to the Catholic faith, those in the second group; we can witness our faith, as a lived faith, to those in the third group, and hopefully move them into the second group; and since there is no one in the fourth group, let’s not worry about that!

Good News! Evangelization is our call. We are called to make the Gospel, the truth of Jesus Christ, the Good News of Salvation, known to all people. We are called to bring all God’s people into the one flock, the one true Church, under the one Shepherd, Jesus Christ. We are called to make the case for becoming Catholic with the same evangelical fervor that I try to bring PC computer users over to Apple Macintosh computer.

What Would St. Patrick Do? So, how is this done in a world where an increasing number of folks define themselves having “no religion” or are “agnostic” or “atheist.” One of the problems we have today, that, for example, St. Patrick didn’t have when he was evangelizing Ireland, is that the people in Ireland, before they became Christian (Catholic) did believe in the supernatural realm, they did believe in pagan gods. They believed that there was more than just this world, more than just what can be seen and felt. So, St. Patrick, for example, didn’t have to win them over to believe in something beyond this world, he just had to lead them down the path of faith and reason to understand what their inmost being yearned for: the know who created them, why they were here, etc.

Meanwhile in Group Three. But we have a greater task: Yes, we do still have a large number of people yearning in one form or another to know God, but we have a growing number of people who have decided there is no God

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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

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Arline Dosman	Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. 118
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Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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MAILING ADDRESS

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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

You may not be a parent or grandparent yourself, but you each have grandparents. Even if they are no longer alive, share one positive memory of them with your beloved. Do you have a quality or talent you learned from them?

PARENTING POINTERS

Clutter can be toys, papers, or many misc. items left on the floor or table. But clutter can also be noise. Think TV, videos, crying, complaining. Try treating your family to a moment, a minute, an hour of quiet. Agree to do it all at the same time. See what happens.

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 12 24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:5-9

The anonymous servant of the Lord faces terrible persecution on account of his preaching. He does not resist.

SECOND READING: JAMES 2:14-18

James maintains that the real sign of faith is putting that faith into practice.

GOSPEL: MARK 8:27-35

Peter says, "You are the Christ," but he fails to see that the Christ must suffer.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, September 11th, Fr. Brian Lewis, Pastor of St. Jude the Apostle parish in Lewes, Delaware, will tell us about the upcoming Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640, or listen online anytime at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Catholicforum.

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

- *Connie Wong, Martin Belt*

who recently passed.

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

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 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER

6 MONDAY

HC 9:00 am Stefania Glaz

7 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Irene Sadusky

8 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am John Correll

9 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Timothy Staniszewski
ICC 6 pm For the People

10 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Stephen R. Adamo

11 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Frank Bleyer
HC 5 pm Josephine John

12 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Edward Kopczynski
ICC 8:30 am Carl & Marlene DeFrancesco
HC 9:30 am Paula Jackson Voshell
ICC 11 am Maryln MacAllen
HC 11:30 am William Jolly
ICC 1 pm

(LI = LIVING INTENTION

DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

LIHEAP HELP

Catholic Charities is the statewide administrator for



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Diocese of Wilmington

LIHEAP (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 4 J. Coffield
Sept 11 D. Kilby

7:30 am Mass

Sept 5 R. Pritchett
Sept 12 C. Cuffee

9:30 am Mass

Sept 5 C. Petka
Sept 12 C. Parks

At Immaculate Conception

8:30 am Mass

Sept 5 B. Thompson
Sept 12 G. Godfrey

11 am Mass

Sept 5 L. Soule
Sept 12 A. Meyer

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@iccmaryladel.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.

NUESTRA FAMILIA HISPANA

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 de 10 AM – 4PM. Si usted está interesado por favor hablar con la Sra. Arline Dosman directora del Ministerio Hispano. Hay que anotarse para poder conseguir la transportación para la cantidad de personas y poder calcular el costo para el viaje para cubrir el gasto del bus. El itinerario del día: 10:15 Oración de apertura. 10:30-12:30 visita por el santuario y sus alrededores, 12:30 – 1:15PM Almuerzo, 1:30PM – 2:30PM Hora Santa y Confesiones y reposición del Santísimo Sacramento. 3PM– 4PM La Santa Misa en la Cripta de la iglesia antes de la bendición final el obispo bendecirá artículos religiosos que se haya comprado y va a re-consagrar la Diócesis de Wilmington al Corazón Inmaculado de María. Venga y acompañenos.

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 entregarla a 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

ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

** 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. a. Las clases empiezan el Domingo, 19 de septiembre a las 9:40 a.m. Su niño tiene que estar inscrito para asistir.

RETIRO DE CATEQUISTAS: Para comenzar nuestro año bien habrá un Retiro para los

catequistas sábado 11 de septiembre de 9:00 – 2:30 en el salón se servirá un desayuno ligero y almuerzo. Te esperamos. Si estas interesado en enseñar la fe or en asistir en el salón , comuníquese conmigo para ser incluido en este especial retiro.

! 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.

ESCUELA BIBLICA DE VERANO: Un gran agradecimiento a todos nuestros voluntarios, nuestro seminarista Eric,

¡Todos los que donaron artículos y especialmente nuestros niños! ¡¡¡Nos vemos el año que viene!!!

Se están recolectando evaluaciones: Todas las evaluaciones de los estudiantes que están en sus paquetes de unidades, para las 4 unidades, entréguelo para el crédito de este año a la Alicia Poppiti, directora de Educación Religiosa al 410-482-8939 o dre@iccmaydel.org

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.

CONFIRMATION PREP (HC)

Begin September 12 or 15.

If you have not registered your child for Confirmation preparation, please stop by the Parish Office - forms may be found on the website under Teaching the Faith - Sacramental Prep.

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.

CATECHIST RETREAT: to start our year off right! There will be a retreat for the Catechist for SRE on Saturday, September 11th from 9am-2:30pm in the hall. Light fare of breakfast and lunch will be served. Looking forward to seeing you there. If you are interested in teaching or assisting, please contact me to be included in the special retreat!

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 re-

quirements, registration and schedule for this year.

Parent Meeting for Confirmation Prep Candidates: 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 & Saintly 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.

He would always complain that his birthday fell on the last holiday before we went back to school. Back in the day when the new school year always began after Labor Day (because there was no choice), my cousin's birthday always seemed to fall near or on Labor Day. We always had a family gathering to celebrate both occasions and to take the sting out of returning to school the next day. He lived in a small town in the corner of a large county, so naturally there was to be the parade. It's what small towns do. We always told him the parade was in his honor. But, as I recall, the true significance of the holiday was never lost on me. I was very much aware of the importance of the day set aside to pay tribute to the worker. Growing up, my circle of friends had parents who were skilled workers. My mother was a skilled worker. They were a distinct group known as the *Blue-Collar* worker. I always thought the term came from their uniform work shirt that got tossed in the laundry at the end of another work day. I knew how hard they worked at their craft. I was grateful for the telephone and electric company workers who were driven to complete a tough day's work in whatever weather conditions Mother Nature threw at them. My heart and prayers still go out for the roofer and road workers who labor on the hottest of sunny days. I was grateful for the factory worker who worked building ships and automobiles, for the steel worker, and the men and women who toiled in the sugar factory. My friends and acquaintances all had moms and dads who dedicated years of service to jobs that were often difficult, mundane, or less than gratifying. But they did it because it provided them with the living wage that saw to the needs of their families; many of them paying tuition to provide their children with a Catholic education for twelve years.

Google tells me that Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894, signed into law by President Grover Cleveland. It is only right and just that we continue to honor all workers who labor in one fashion or another to provide for their families. One day to pay tribute hardly seems fitting.

It is the work ethic that I remember with the greatest clarity. The dedication, loyalty, and commitment not just to the task, but to the employer. Those who would scoff at the notion of a sick day, those who would do the overtime, or

give up the occasional day off when the conditions in the workplace were such that all hands-on deck were needed. No questions asked. It's this work ethic that doesn't develop overnight. It isn't another *skill* to be learned. A work ethic is instilled, learned over time. It is one of the many qualities that a Catholic education will provide the student with. We start early on. The younger, the better. At Holy Cross, the sense of responsibility starts in the ELC with the children having to come into the classroom and offer a friendly greeting to their teacher, and place their family folder in the proper bin. It starts with their having to visit their cubby and unpack their own supplies, hang up the coat, place the backpack in the cubby neatly. It starts with having to select their center for the structured play period. Routine, structure and organization all feed considerably into the development of a work ethic. In Kindergarten, assignment and homework completion is added to the list. The development of study skills, fulfilling the responsibility of a classroom duty. It's an important job being the caboose in line! Who else will close the classroom door??? And then, the lesson learned early on that it's not okay to come to school unprepared.

Many of our students have come from another school. It is a fact of life that during the time of a pandemic, parents have seen the marked difference between a Catholic school where a foundational education, faith and values formation, and the development of interpersonal skills are paramount. Many students coming from another school culture soon learn that a Catholic education is different. We set the mark high, the level of expectation is never lowered.

It is the formed work ethic that our graduates take with them in their transition into high school, and it is the formed work ethic that they will carry through life. It is a part of the cloth into which they are interwoven. The statistics bear this out. Catholic school graduates make for the most successful employees, the most effective business owners, those who answer their call to serve in the workplace.

They will take that ethic into the workplace. It will serve them well. To think it all began by placing the red family folder in the proper bin after greeting the teacher at the outset of the day. It becomes a part of the cloth into which they are interwoven.

At HCS, we pay tribute to those who labor, and we thank you.

(Atheists) or very likely is no God (Agnostics). These are the folks in Pascal's third group: those who do not seek Him. Among this group, we also have the additional problem of experiencing the distinction between the amiable Atheist (who is Atheist, but accepting of others having faith) and the militant Atheist of the 21st Century who is offended that we, the followers of Christ, exist.

The Challenge. The point I am making is that the evangelization bar is set pretty high — we don't have to merely mold or reconfigure the non-seeking, non-believer's understanding of God (as we would with say one who is Muslim, Hindu, etc.), or merely clarify doctrine and theology (as we would with one who is Episcopalian or Methodist)... we have to start at rock bottom. It is almost a call to do evangelization *creatio ex nihilo* (creation from nothing). To use my computer analogy, it is not like winning over a PC computer user to becoming a Mac user, it is rather like taking an anti-technology zealot and getting him or her to use a computer at all.

Fruit Solid. Nonetheless, this our call: To win souls for Christ, to conquer the world for Christ. Not just winning over Christians of another flavor to Catholicism, not just winning non-Christian believers in God over to Catholicism, but winning over those folks in this world who think that we who do believe in God are delusional. That last group requires the witness of people of faith living their faith; we have to show solid and certain human-side benefit of faithfulness. Or as we used to call these solid and certain benefits, "The Fruits of the Holy Spirit;" there are: charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, (ability to be peacefully) long-suffering, mildness, faith, modesty, continence (self-control), and chastity. We need to show these folks that we have something more than this world can offer. We can also, at least to the amiable members of the non-believers, approach them on the field of reason. Our Catholic faith makes sense, it possesses a metaphysic and reason, overlaid with faith, that could win over folks to faith on that basis.

Step by Step. Once the non-believer is won over to seeking God, then the folks in group three become members of group two and actively seek to know God. At that point, we can begin evangelizing using the Gospel truths of faith, to have the seeker come to an awareness of God in their lives and come to know the truths of Jesus Christ — the fullest expression of God's revelation.

Looking Out for (Group) #1. Once a person has moved from group two (seeking God) to group one (found God), then at that point, we can evangelize in a more traditional way, conveying teachings, exploring the basis of our beliefs using Scripture and Tradition, making known God's presence in our lives, and most palpably, in the Blessed Sacrament, and other ways of instruction that convey the truth in ways understandable to the one evangelized. In doing this we need to convey reasons that one should be Catholic.

Next week's column will cover evangelization in terms of a list of reasons why one should become Catholic (i.e., why we embrace our faith, and why others should embrace it, too).

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

P.S. For those of you reading this — who are very likely all Catholic — remain steadfast in faith... and use a Mac. Use a Mac so that your joy in this life may be complete. This is the one case where Apple isn't the forbidden fruit, it is the source of (computing) bliss.

Happy
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