



CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

September 6, 2020

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 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 am
During Lent, Monday-Friday, 12:10 pm also
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am-Midnight (CLOSED DUE TO COVID)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Friday 9 am-noon, closed Wednesday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 7 pm, Spanish
Saturday, 9 am, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, after 9:00 am Mass
Thursday, 6:30 pm



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Matthew 16:24

Jesus Discourses with His Disciples by James Tissot, circa 1886 and 1894
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HOLY DAY SCHEDULE (HC AND ICC)

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

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

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RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

The seven Sacraments of the Church were instituted by Christ to confer grace.

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the parish 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.

THIS WEEK (HC OR ICC)

Check out our websites

holycrossover.org

iccmmarydel.org

Holy Cross Church is unlocked and available for private prayer. The doors will be open from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday, and 7 am to 7 pm on Sunday.

Immaculate Conception will be open daily 9 am to 7 pm.

Daily Mass at HC at 8 am Monday through Saturday. Weekend Masses at Holy Cross are Saturday evening 5 pm, Sunday at 7:30 and 9:30 am, 11:30 am Spanish.

Weekend Masses at ICC are Sunday at 8:30 and 11 am, and 1 pm Spanish. Also a 9 am Mass on Saturday morning in Spanish

We are limiting access to the parish offices, so you can buzz when you stop by, or call and leave messages and we will get back to you; or, you can email us.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

ending August 23

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$23,070	\$27,200	(\$4,130)
YTD	\$190,030	\$219,200	(\$29,170)
Needs	\$1,505	\$1,550	(\$45)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending August 23

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$3,259
Second	\$204

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs, and activities of Holy Cross and ICC are made possible.

“Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold.”

Please continue to mail in your contributions during this time. May are still not attending Mass but we still need your support. 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 will call you back . Thank you for your continued support.

Dear Parishioners,

Well it is Labor Day weekend... but before I get to talking about that, there are a few items to note:

Welcome Back, Crusaders. I want to take this time to wish the best of luck to our Holy Cross students as they return for the 2020-21 school year. In a very special way I want to thank our Principal, Linda Pollitt, and all of our dedicated teachers and school staff members who have worked so incredibly hard to make possible the return to school for our students. On behalf of the parish, I wish the students, teachers, administrators and staff a wonderful 2020-21 school year.

Confirmation. Congratulations to our newly confirmed young people from Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception Parish who were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit this past Friday and Saturday, thus completing their Sacraments of Initiation, and now being full members of the one true Church established by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God confirmed these young people in their faith, completing their Baptismal graces.

Anointing of the Sick. A reminder: At this time, regarding the sick, only Last Rites calls are being carried out by the Priests. This policy, set in place by the Bishop, means that the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (Extreme Unction) in the form of Last Rites, is limited to those who are actively dying — not just a serious sickness or a serious circumstance. At some point, it is my expectation that this limitation will cease, but for now I, and my brother priests, are bound by this. Also, in this regard, for those needing Last Rites at the Hospital, the hospital, not a family member or caregiver, must make that call to us, so that the hospital staff are expecting us, are ready for us (to screen us), and are there to admit us, at the entrance way of the hospital with any appropriate protective gear when we arrive.

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And now onto Labor Day. Time to put away the white summer wear and shift to post-Labor Day accoutrement. But, what of Labor Day itself. I always found it somewhat oxymoronic and ironic that, as a people, we celebrate a day dedicated to labor by not working. It would be kind of like celebrating Mother's Day by specifically avoiding anything having to do with your mother. Seems odd. But, that's what makes the world the colorful place it is.

Not Just "Working for the Weekend." Labor — work — always has a cultural interest to us. Think

of how many great workplace movies there have been: "9 to 5," "Gung Ho," "The Devil Wears Prada," "Clockwatchers," and "In Good Company." Each of these entertained while identifying the value of labor. But music said even more.

- In 1937, Seven Dwarves had a positive take on laboring — singing "Hi Ho, Hi Ho, it's off to work we go."
- In the 1960s, The Beatles were getting wary of working, saying "It's been a hard day's night and I've been working like a dog."
- In the late 1970s while Bachman Turner Overdrive were "Taking care of business" and seeming to enjoy their labors, and Rose Royce was singing about "working at the car wash, yeah," country singer Johnny Paycheck was unsatisfied with his work and sang, "Take this Job and Shove It."
- In 1981, while Dolly Parton lamented, "working 9 to 5... what a way to make a living," while Donna Summer in 1983, counseled us on the treatment of waitresses singing, "She works hard for the money, so you better treat her right."

But it was the group Loverboy, in 1981 that sang that "Everybody's working for the weekend." Great song, but that line that "everybody's working for the weekend" is one that we must not embrace (even if we like singing it). For, if all we do is work for is the weekend, just trudge daily without real purpose, then our satisfaction in our laboring won't be as sweet. When we labor to accomplish and labor to serve — and offer our labors to the Lord — that is when the fruits of our labor are the sweetest.

Leo the Lion and Labor. If you've ever watched an MGM movie, it begins with a lion (named Leo, as a point of trivia) roaring. And around his head are the Latin words, "*ars gratia artis*" which means "art for art's sake." And there is something to be for arts value in just being art... but we can't treat labor that way — mankind doesn't work for the sake of work, it works for purpose. It can never properly be "*labor grate laborem*" for us; we need, we desire our work to have a purpose. And in the earthly realm that is so, but even more so in doing God's work.

Of Labor, Accomplishments, and Satisfaction. On this Labor Day, let us reflect on the value of labor — not just laborers. Why? Because to appreciate an

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HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F. Pastor
 Rev. Mano Salla Parochial Vicar

HC CLERGY

Msgr. Daniel McGlynn Pastor Emeritus
 Mr. Philip Belt Deacon
 Mr. John Harvey Deacon
 Mr. Robert McMullen Deacon
 Mr. Scott Peterson Deacon
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PRO LIFE CORNER

During this difficult time of Coronavirus Disease, abortion procedures continue throughout the U.S. and in Dover. Abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood are classified as ESSENTIAL SERVICES! You can save lives in Dover by praying with Holy Cross and other local church groups on Friday mornings from 9 AM – noon at Planned Parenthood of Dover or by praying at home. If you pray at Planned Parenthood, please follow Governor Carney’s Social Distancing Guidelines.

Also, remember to pray for the most vulnerable and seniors who are most susceptible to the Coronavirus

MEN OF HOLY CROSS (NEW HIGH TECH VIDEO-CONFERENCE MEETINGS)

Are you a male between the ages of 18 and 99? Do you wish to learn more about prayer, faith and your vocation? Do you want to become a stronger father, husband or son? Do you want to build lasting friendships with catholic faith minded men? Join the Men of Holy Cross for our weekly meetings: Since the Corona virus and social distancing we have been meeting on Zoom Teleconference and it has been working out great. Just type in or click on the following link and it will automatically guide you through the Zoom Meeting application, set up and joining the meeting. <https://zoom.us/j/930861480> Wednesday mornings at 6:30 AM for prayer, gospel reflections, Church teachings and timely discussions. If you want more information please contact us at 302-313-6935 or email MenOfHolyCross@gmail.com.

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 13 24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: ECCLESIASTICUS 27:30—28:7

The cure for bad memories is to remember the things of God.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 14:7-9

Life and death only have meaning when they are lived for something more than ourselves.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

There is not limit to forgiveness, because heaven is eternal forgiveness.

RCIA (HC)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who has an interest in the Catholic Faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is holding Zoom meetings on Sunday mornings at 9:00AM to 10:30 AM. If you are interested please send an email to Deacon Vince

at vpisano@holycrossover.org and an invitation will be sent to you to join our Zoom meeting. Even if you are already a Catholic and wish to learn more you are welcome to join.

Zoom meetings are easy and fun. All you need is a computer with a camera and microphone. The rest is easy. You are in the comfort of your own home. Any questions or for more information you can also email those to Deacon Vince.

VOCATIONS

Christ spoke of the talents each one of us has, talents which must not be buried. Our calling is to take those talents, develop them fully, and then use them in establishing His kingdom on earth. Are you using your talents to fulfill your vocation to service? Are you an active Christian in the parish, at your workplace, and in the home? Take some time today to reflect on how you might use your special talents in the service of the Kingdom.

Serra for priestly and religious

REFLECTION BOOKS

Immaculate Conception Church is going to order for the coming seasons. If you would like to order reflection books for the Liturgical seasons, please place an envelope in the collection with your name, address, phone number, and \$5.00

You will receive 3 books for a total cost of \$5.00.

1. Little Blue Book – Advent/Christmas Season Reflections begin Nov. 29, 2020 end Jan. 10, 2021
2. Little Black Book – Lent Reflections begin Feb. 14, 2021, end April 4, 2021
3. Little White Book – Easter Season Reflections begin April 5, 2021, end May 23, 2021

Each book arrives separately and are distributed before each season begins. Any questions contact Marilyn Dixon, at 410-482-7687 or mdixon@iccmmarydel.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER

7 MONDAY

HC 9:00 am

8 TUESDAY

HC 6:30 am

HC 8:00 am

Maria Tomburrino

9 WEDNESDAY

HC 6:30 am

HC 8:00 am

Belinda M. Roberts

10 THURSDAY

HC 6:30 am

HC 8:00 am

ICC 7 pm

Karen Bergmann

For the People

11 FRIDAY

HC 6:30 am

HC 8:00 am

John and Bridget Ryan

12 SATURDAY

HC 8 am

HC 5 pm

Harry Hettinger

Joseph Gillis

13 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am

ICC 8:30 am

HC 9:30 am

HC 11:30 am

ICC 11 am

ICC 1 pm

HC 6 pm

Brendan Hillary

William F. & Ann R. Sullivan

Paula Jackson Voshell

Vern Bresnahan Family

Frank Ergenzinger

For the People

Joseph Balcerak

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

Any intentions listed at a time where we do not have a public Mass, will be honored by the priests as they say their private Masses. On the weekend, the priests will be saying other private Masses to cover all of the intentions that occur on the weekend when we do not have a public Mass. Your loved ones will still be remembered in prayer.

**Mass on Monday, September 7,
Labor Day, will be at 9 am.**



NO SCHEDULE FOR
MASS MINISTERS
AT THIS TIME.

PLEASE COME
FORWARD TO HELP
DISTRIBUTE
HOLY COMMUNION
AT THE MASS YOU
ATTEND. THE PRIEST
WILL INDICATE HOW
MANY EXTRA-
ORDINARY
MINISTERS ARE
NEEDED.

Since we are not scheduling ministers to assist at the Masses as of yet, we do appreciate the Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion who volunteer to step forward at the Mass they are attending to help distribute communion. Thank you.

NEWEST MEMBERS (HC)

We welcome our newest members who have just registered with the parish. Please make them feel welcomed :

- *Kyle, Jennifer, Beringer Jones and Peter and Ryder Lewis*

DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories have been in the Parish Office for the past few months. Unfortunately we have not been able to distribute them due to the COVID situation. We hope to arrange for a weekend in the near future. If you would like to stop by the office to pick up your copy, please call ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it for you to pick up. Please do not just show up to pick up your copy. We need to know ahead of time since we are limiting access to the office area. Sorry for this inconvenience.

RETURNING TO MASS

At present, we have the following guidelines to help keep everyone safe:

- Attendees are to **wear a face covering** when inside the Church (those under 13 do not have to wear a covering, and those 2-and-under are advised not to wear a covering).
- Pews have been marked off to accommodate social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer is available as you enter the church.
- **When receiving Holy Communion, please remember to stay socially distanced.** We encourage you to receive Holy Communion in your hand, but **if you wish to receive on the tongue, you are asked to be at the end of the Communion line.** There will be no Cup distributed at this time.
- As you leave the church, please **do not gather in the Gathering Space** or parking lot.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS CANCELLATION

Due to COVID-19, the Bishop's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass, scheduled for October 18, 2020, has been cancelled. Even though the Mass will not take place, all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, will be honored with a certificate (mailed to the address provided on the form).

Call the Parish Office for the form that must be submitted to the Diocese by October 16. We will be glad to get the form to you.

SAMARITAN FOOD NEEDS (HC)

The Samaritan Food Pantry is collecting items to help with the great demands being placed on them during this crisis. Please leave perishable items in the freezer by the Samaritan pick up door and non perishable items can be left there also. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



At this time we are really in need of the following: roaster chickens, turkey, ham, ground beef assorted beans and rice .

The Samaritans also appreciate any monetary donations that have been sent in. Thank you for thinking of your needy brothers and sisters.

YOUNG AT HEART (HC)

Young at Heart Seniors will not start meeting in the Fall. We will inform you when the meetings

will start again. Stay home, stay safe, and stay healthy.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

On this Labor Day, use a labor saving device (washer, microwave, car, blender, etc.) to save some time. Then spend that time with your spouse.

PARENTING POINTERS

Grandparents are like a library for your children, connecting them with the pages of their past. Are your children's grandparents alive? Ask them to tell their story?

El Ministerio de la Hospitalidad son Trabajadores en la Viña del Señor. La función de sus ministros. El ministro de la hospitalidad es uno de los ministros de la Liturgia y tiene una función importantísima; Darle la Bienvenida al Señor en cada persona que llega para la santa Misa.

Comúnmente conocido como ujieres, pero en realidad son ministros de la hospitalidad. La palabra ujier en su etimología viene del francés «huissier» y a su vez del latín tardío «ostiarium» que quiere decir portero de un palacio o tribunal y la casa del Señor no es un palacio ni un tribunal. Correctamente se les llama ministros de la hospitalidad que es un llamado del Señor a servir.

Cualidades que debe tener los Ministros de la Hospitalidad: El rostro de la iglesia, la amabilidad y la sonrisa, carisma de querer servir al Señor, don de gentes, la paciencia, la tranquilidad, la discreción, ecuanimidad y rapidez ante cualquier contingencia. Profundizar en la fe como punto de partida. Una comprensión básica de uno mismo y de los demás que pueda ayudar a los a relacionarse en forma más auténtica con Dios y con los otros. Salud psicológica, marcada por la integridad, por límites interpersonales apropiados, y por la capacidad de honrar y salvaguardar la confianza que la gente deposita en ellos como ministros de la Iglesia. Salud física, que incluya un equilibrio general en la vida y en el ministerio de uno, marcado por prácticas adecuadas para mantener un buen estado de salud.

Las Misas dominicales: Holy Cross: Sábado:5:00 pm Domingo: 7:30 am.-9:30 am - 11:30 am en español. Confesiones Sábado 8:30-10:00 am **La Inmaculada Concepción:** Domingo 8:30 am, 11:00 am - 1:00 de la tarde en español y jueves a las 6:00 de la tarde, sábado - 9:00 a 11:00 de la mañana en español. Confesiones

después de la misa hasta las 11:00 am

Ya están disponibles las aplicaciones para la Educación Religiosa 2020-2021. En la página de la parroquia, entre y descargue una aplicación, o vaya a la oficina de Educación Religiosa y recoja una aplicación. Si su hijo está en edad escolar y no está asistiendo a la escuela católica, los padres tienen la responsabilidad de que su hijo se forme y conozca sobre su Fe que un día ustedes profesaron por él o ella.

NUEVA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL 2020-2021: Las inscripciones para el año escolar está disponible en el sitio web o puede llamar o enviar un correo electrónico a la oficina para que se lo envíen. Por favor inscribase antes del 1 de agosto, para que podamos hacer los planes necesarios para el año y ordenar libros, materiales y suministros. A medida que trabajamos en el plan para el nuevo año escolar, estamos trabajando para garantizar la seguridad de todos los estudiantes y sus familias, y los actualizaremos a todos cuando tengamos nuestro plan.

Las reglas de la pandemia siguen en vigor y todos tenemos la responsabilidad de protegernos y proteger a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo. Todos tenemos que poner de nuestra parte y seguir las regulaciones gubernamentales de usar mascarillas en lugares públicos, distanciamiento social, lavarnos las manos con frecuencia, si está enfermo quédese en casa y si respetamos estas reglas, juntos podremos salir adelante y superar como iglesia, como comunidad los grandes desafíos que nos presenta el Coronavirus, si muchos dicen que ya acabaron con el coronavirus, pero recuerde que el coronavirus no ha acabado con nosotros, está muy presente. Protegemos nuestra salud y la salud del hermano especialmente los más vulnerables.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION (HC)

Registration for the 2020-2021 Religious Education Program is now open. The Registration forms can be obtained at <https://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation> and may be emailed back to tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or dropped off/mailed to the Parish Office. Please note, payment is NOT due at the time of registration. We would appreciate the forms back ASAP as we need adequate time to plan for the new year. Because of COVID, the class formats may change. We will update with any changes as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

CHANGES TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM FOR 2020-2021 (HC)

Changes will be seen in the Religious Education curriculum. In Kindergarten through 7th grade we will be "Christ Our Life" series through Loyola Press. Loyola Press promises to bring some useful on-line parent and student resources. 8th grade will be using Loyola Press's "Called to Be Catholic" and the Ignatius Press "YouCat" and "YouCat Study guide" to help prepare for their 9th grade confirmation. The Living as a Family of Faith Family Catechesis (LAFF) program will be moving on to the 4th series in the Sophia Institute series "A Family of Faith: Christian Prayer". Any questions in regard to these changes may be directed to Tammy Korosec, Coordinator of Religious Education at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or by calling (302) 674-5787 X 122.

2019-2020 1ST COMMUNICANTS (HC)

The 1st Holy Communion for the 2019-2020 second grade class has been tentatively rescheduled for October 3rd. Further details will come out as soon as everything is confirmed. If this date is inconvenient for your family please contact Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302)674-5787 X 122 as soon as possible.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES (HC)

Will begin Sunday, September 20 and Wednesday, September 23. Teens MUST be registered and signed up for a Sunday class. Please contact Linda for details if your child is not registered, or you did not attend the parent meeting. ldarling@holycrossdover.org or at the office 674-5787 X123. Any teen in 9th grade and above

are welcome to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring.

IMPORTANT MEETING (HC)

Very important Religious Education/ Confirmation Volunteer Meeting September 13th at 2 pm in the Parish Hall. Please attend for important updates.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED FROM HOLY CROSS AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

NEW REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 school year are available on the website or you can Call/email office for them to be sent to you.

We will have a registration following Masses in the grass area next to the parking lot, and we are asking that you please register, so we are able to make necessary plans for the year and order books, materials, and supplies. It only takes 5 minutes.

As we work on the plan for the new school year, we are working to ensure the safety of all students and families, and will update you all when we have our plan in place.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or if you have not yet registered, Alicia Poppiti at dre@iccmaryladel.org or 410-482-8939.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ICC:

A lot has changed this year, and with that comes changes to our way of providing formation for your children's Religious Education. More information will be coming to your home in the next few weeks, but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Alicia Poppiti, Director of Religious Education at 410-482-6392 or send me an email to dre@iccmaryladel.org

CONFIRMATION FOR 2020-2021

SCHOOL YEAR: (ICC) If you have not sent them in, please do so now, so we can better plan for your youth.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: (ICC)

Book Club- "The Church of Mercy" by Pope Francis DVD series and discussion group- "Symbolon" by Augustine Institute. *"Whether you are looking to grow in your Faith or just learning about the Catholic Church for the first time, Symbolon will take you through a journey into the timeless beauty and truths of the Catholic Faith and reveal God's incredible love for us-the story of our salvation."*

The usual way of it was always to count down the days before the end of the school year. We missed out on that ritual last year. Countdowns are a natural way of decreasing the anticipation before the next exciting event in life. Kids of all ages countdown the days before birthdays; before Christmas, before the big game, before the family vacation, before the next big anything. I am not alone in my conviction that HC kids are counting down the days before September 1st. We saw the huge smiles, the twinkle in the eye when the family car pulled up on the exit drive. Mom or dad rolled down the windows and there in the back seat sat one happy kiddo full of anticipation in meeting his/her new teacher for this year. It was Drop-Off Day at HC! With all things different we had to come up with an alternative to our annual Meet-The-Teacher Day. Drop-Off Day gave our families the chance to bring in all the big items that would be difficult for our students to lug into the classroom on day one. D-O Day was a complete success and I am grateful to our teachers who did all the lugging without one single moan or groan. They are simply the best!

At this writing we are exactly 46 hours before the bells toll and the doors fly open allowing our children access to classrooms for the first time in six months. I couldn't be happier if it was 46 hours before Christmas. In fact, in my daily thoughts, reflections, and meditations driving north and southbound on Rt. 13; I have concocted a contrast of sorts between the approach of Christmas and the opening of school. I ask your indulgence and patience as I reveal the comparison between the two, as I see it.

<u>THE OPENING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR</u>	<u>PREPARING FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</u>
<i>There is a tremendous amount of anticipation!</i>	<i>There is a tremendous amount of anticipation!</i>
<i>Shopping for the new school supplies on the list is always fun, especially those designer backpacks.</i>	<i>Shopping the Christmas list for those one of a kind designer items is great fun!!</i>
<i>The perfect teacher gift this year is hard to find, but she is sure to appreciate a container of Clorox Wipes!</i>	<i>Every year there are snags and struggles in finding the hard to find gift for that certain someone....</i>
<i>Don't we have to dress for the occasion?? Uniforms!!</i>	<i>Dressing for the occasion always means the perfect outfit.</i>
<i>Teachers spend days decorating the classroom for the new year!</i>	<i>Families spend days making the home festive for the holidays!</i>
<i>Looking forward to Mrs. Stant's yummy lunches.....bring on the chicken nuggets!</i>	<i>The family feast almost always includes a golden, oven roasted turkey.</i>
<i>Holy Cross classrooms are filled with love, warmth, safety and security underscored by the knowledge that Jesus lives in our hearts.</i>	<i>The love and warmth of the family home at Christmas accentuated by the knowledge that Jesus is the Reason for the Season.</i>
<i>In 45 hours, the children will hear the sound of the school bells!!!</i>	<i>Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.....</i>
<i>And on September 1st, the doors will open wide. On the inside is the gift of a Catholic education!</i>	<i>And on December 25th, the presents are opened wide as we celebrate the gift in the birth of our Savior.</i>

So my friends, what do you think? Who knew that two such unlike celebrations could have so many similarities? Or maybe you just think I spend too much time traveling up and down the road with my own ruminations. Perhaps....but all I know is this:

**ON SEPTEMBER 1ST, WE ARE HAVING A FEW FRIENDS STOP IN,
WE ARE EXCITED AND READY!!**

accomplishment, laboring toward that accomplishment is what gives that accomplishment meaning. When someone builds a successful business, for example, he or she is able to appreciate the fruits of the labor put into that business. That person's labor — a job well-done — gives him an innate satisfaction.

The Word on Labor. As Christians, we are called to labor — to be laborers — for the Lord. It is an honor imbued on us in Baptism, to serve God along with our fellow Christians. For when we serve God, when we labor for Him in the vineyard of this world, we never labor in vain. Thus there is an intrinsic value in Labor. So, what does Scripture have to say to us about the value of labor and laboring? Quite a bit. Here are some key quotes from Scripture on the matter, to reflect upon on this Labor Day weekend:

- **(Ephesians 4:28).** *"The thief must no longer steal, but rather labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with one in need."*
- **(James 5:4)** *"Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts."*
- **(Hebrews 6:10)** *"For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love you have demonstrated for his name by having served and continuing to serve the holy ones."*
- **(Genesis 2:15)** *"The LORD God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it."*
- **(Proverbs 14:23)** *"In all labor there is profit, but mere talk tends only to loss."*
- **(2 Thessalonians 3:10)** *"In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat."*
- **(1 Corinthians 10:31)** *"So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."*
- **(Ecclesiastes 5:11a)** *"Sleep is sweet to the laborer, whether there is little or much to eat"*
- **(1 Timothy 4:10)** *"For this we toil and struggle, because we have set our hope on the living God, who is the savior of all, especially of those who believe."*

- **(Proverbs 18:9)** *"Those slack in their work are kin to the destroyer."*
- **(1 Corinthians 3:8-9)** *"The one who plants and the one who waters are equal, and each will receive wages in proportion to his labor. For we are God's co-workers; you are God's field, God's building."*

On the Dignity of Human Labor. With Scripture reflected upon and considered on this Labor Day weekend, let us now take a moment to pause, to reflect on, and to appreciate the achievement and innate dignity of the worker and his work, accomplished using his God-given talents. Pope John Paul II, in his 1987 encyclical, "Laborem Exercens" (On Human Labor), said it well: "[M]an's life is built up every day from work; from work it derives its specific dignity... work is a fundamental dimension of man's existence on earth." He summed up his exhortation on labor by noting, "All work, whether manual or intellectual, is inevitably linked with toil. The Christian finds in human work a small part of the Cross of Christ and accepts it in the same spirit of redemption in which Christ accepted His Cross for us."

A restful Labor Day weekend to you all. God bless!

Yours in Christ,
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