PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, January 13 ◆ Baptism of the Lord
9:00 a.m. Msgr. James M. Berendt (Family)
11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17
Monday, January 14 ◆ Weekday
11:30 a.m. Patricia Manley
(Martha, Marilyn, Nancy & Bill Families)
1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday, January 15 ◆ Weekday
11:30 a.m. Mary Scanlon [deceased] (Jim Scanlon)
1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday, January 16 ◆ Weekday
11:30 a.m. Kathleen Miller (Kristan Dove,
Theresa Craft & Kathleen Bonfante)
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday, January 17 ◆ St. Anthony
11:30 a.m. Patrick & Martha Walsh
(Walsh & Burkey Families)
1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday, January 18 ◆ Weekday
11:30 a.m **James & Patricia Manley**
(Jerry Manley)
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday, January 19 ◆ Weekday
11:30 a.m Special Intention
(Richard & Shirley Lumpe)
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday, January 20 ◆ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. James Manley (Bill Morbitzer Family)
11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Mass Scheduling Policy: In order to accommodate as many requests for specific dates as possible, we cannot schedule more than five at one time. Requests without a specific date are scheduled as openings permit. Please include the suggested offering of $10.00 (for each Mass) when the request is made. Thank You!

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners and those who are ill: Hilda Barrett, Charles "Sonny" Bellamy, Sara Fingerlin, Marianne Garrison, Chris Igel, Jestina Jones, Edith Kowalsky, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Mary Scholl, Robert Scholl, Msgr. Francis Schweitzer, Marilyn Scott, Sheila Shirey, Margaret Trainor, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker, Elizabeth Webster.

THANKS!
January 6, 2007 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections
(Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)

Mass Attendance
9:00 a.m. = 91
11:00 a.m. = 87

Offertory	$1,909.00
Votives	29.25
Novena/1st Friday	106.14
Repair	0.00
Less Tax	(102.22)
Net to Parish	**$1,942.17**

New Year Collection Results
Holy Day = $1,026.60
Thank you for your generosity!!

Repair Fund Collection – Today!
A second collection will be taken up today for the repairs on the church and Rectory. We thank you in advance for your continuous support of this program.

Join in the Worldwide Mission of Jesus!
By our Baptism, we are all missionaries – called to share our faith in Jesus Christ with our family and friends, with our neighbors, indeed, with the whole world.
Next Sunday, we are invited to make a special commitment as missionaries. We are invited to join in the worldwide mission of Jesus by joining the Propagation of the Faith.
In making this commitment, we pledge to…
+ Pray daily for the missionary work of the Church, offering our personal crosses for missionaries and those they serve.
+ Offer Regular Financial Help in support of those who bring the "Good News" of Jesus to our brothers and sisters throughout the Missions.

Please say "yes" to this special missionary call next weekend. Thank you very much!

Presentation on Rearing Children
Coleen Kelly Mast will present her program "Raising Love-Wise Kids in a Lustful World" for parents of children 1-14 on Sunday, January 13, 2008, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., in the St. Matthew School Hutta Gym, 795 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. For more information, call Molly Fanning at 614-939-1878 or www.stmatthew.net.

More Needed !!
Having just celebrated the Feast of gift offering at the Epiphany and today reflecting on our Baptismal call, please consider sharing your talents or gifts in ministry on Sunday.

We need greeters at the 11:00 Mass and readers and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist at both Masses. Please contact Sr. Pat or place the following in the collection basket:

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I, _____ would like to offer my gifts/service as:
Greeter _____
Reader _____
Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist _____

THE WORD

Identifying Jesus as the Son of God is clearly the principal thrust of today's Gospel. A remarkable theophany follows John's baptism of Jesus. God the Father's voice "came from the heavens, saying 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased'" (Matthew 3:17). Matthew here as always, stresses the fulfillment of the old covenant in the new. Today's first reading from Isaiah speaks of the Suffering Servant: "Here is my servant whom I uphold/my chosen one with whom I am pleased" (Isaiah 42:1). God tells the psalmist, "You are my son; today I am your father"(Psalm 2:7).

The appearance of the Trinity is completed as the Holy Spirit, "descending like a dove and coming upon him," anoints Jesus for His ministry (Matthew 3:16). Today's second reading stresses this role of the Spirit: "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power"(Acts 10:38). Isaiah also presents the Suffering Servant "upon whom I put my spirit" (Isaiah 42:1).

The Baptism of Jesus is fittingly celebrated the week after Epiphany. The events at the Baptism make it clear that this is another "epiphany," a manifestation of Jesus as Son of God. The voice of God at the Baptism, however, is the first public proclamation of Christ as the Son of God.

The Baptism itself is an important event in the life of Jesus, mentioned in all four Gospels. Matthew alone deals with an obvious problem. Why would the Son of God allow Himself to be baptized by a human being? Jesus responds to the Baptist, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness"(Matthew 3:15). The righteousness or justice of God is God's will to save all. Part of God's plan is for Jesus to identify Himself with sinners and bring God's salvation to them. When His enemies are scandalized that He associates with sinners, Jesus replies, "I did not come to call the righteous but sinners"(Mark 2:17). His Baptism is an early proof that He does identify with sinners to win forgiveness for their sins.

–from "Living the Word"

✝ 13 January 2008 ✝
Baptism of the Lord

❖ Hymns are <u>not</u> announced ❖
The first reading begins on page 56
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. – Dan Di Santo, organist

Gathering Hymn	*To Jordan Jesus Humbly Came (#516)*
Responsorial Psalm	*The Lord will bless His people with peace. (#37, page 57)*
Gospel Acclamation	*(#38, page 57)*
Offertory Hymn	*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (#512)*
Communion Hymn	*Jesus Christ, by Faith Revealed (#715)*
Closing Hymn:	*Joy to the World (#487)*

Special Parish Dates
Mark your calendars for the following important dates for the parish:
1) Sunday, February 3, 2008 – Pancake Breakfast.
2) Wednesday, February 6, 2008 – Ash Wednesday – Masses at 8:00 and 11:30 a.m.
3) Parish Mission – Sunday, April 20, 2008 through Tuesday, April 22, 2008.

2007 Contributions
You can contact the office at 224-3416 after January 15 and request a copy of your contribution record to Holy Cross Church and Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2007.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance
On Monday, January 21, our nation will observe the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We are invited to join our neighbors at Holy Rosary/St. John for the Mass and celebration at 12:00 noon Monday. The Rev. Charlene Watkins of Second Community Church will be the guest preacher. If you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Newberry at (614) 252-5926, ext. 251.

In Memory of Martin Luther King, Jr.
The Marriage and Family Life Office reminds you that Martin Luther King, Jr. was a social activist in the best Christian tradition. You may want to pray these words with your family:
Gracious God, You create us and love us and make us to live together in community. We thank You for Martin Luther King, Jr. and all Your children who have been filled with Your vision and who have worked to bring Your vision into reality. Guide us to live by Your vision, working to build the community where everyone is welcomed, all are valued, power is shared, and all Your children know wholeness and well-being. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Respect Life Mass
On Tuesday, January 22, 2008, at 10:30 a.m., Bishop Campbell will celebrate Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral for the intention of Respect for Life. All are invited to attend.

January 22, anniverary day of the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade* which legalized abortion, is recognized as a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. For more information, contact the Office of Social Concerns 614-241-2540.

St. Charles Schedules Scholarship Test
St. Charles Preparatory School will offer its annual scholarship test to prospective students – 8th grade boys in Central Ohio – at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on Saturday, January 26. Any questions, call Laurie Berndt at 614-252-6714 between 8:30 a.m and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.