

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, December 27 ♦
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 11:00 a.m. Pardi & Shough Families
 (Sr. Pat Pieper, SND)
 Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Col 3:12-21
 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Monday, December 28 ♦ **No Mass**
Tuesday, December 29 ♦
5th Day in Octave of Christmas
 11:30 a.m. Special Intention for Gary Ogle
 (Dennis Wilcox)
 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday, December 30 ♦
6th Day in Octave of Christmas
 11:30 a.m. Timothy Boldizar (Nancy Walsh)
 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday, December 31 ♦
7th Day in Octave of Christmas
 11:30 a.m. Special Intention for Brenda Ketner
 (Dennis Wilcox)
 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Friday, January 1 ♦
Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
 10:00 a.m. Mary Lou Mouk (Eileen & Ray Kiersh)
 7:30 p.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil
 (Intention of Presider)
 Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Saturday, January 2 ♦
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
 7:30 a.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil Closes
 with Benediction
 11:30 a.m. Sheila Shirey
 (Frank & Kathleen Scholl Family)

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Sunday, January 3 ♦ **The Epiphany of the Lord**
 9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 11:00 a.m. Parish Volunteers
 Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

FLU !!!

Due to the national H1N1 emergency, we have temporarily discontinued the optional handshake sign of peace and communion from the cup during both Sunday and Weekday Masses. We will continue this precautionary measure until the virus season is over.

+ Please remember in your prayers our home-bound parishioners, and those who are ill: Mary Cordesco, Sara Fingerlin, Marianne Garrison, Dorothy Gaus, Sally Groom, Mary Kay Keefer, Mary Knapp, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Cathy Miller, Rita Neff, Jim Scanlon, Mary Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Margaret Trainor, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

THANKS!	
December 20, 2009 Offerings	
Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offering \$1,689.20 Votives 11.00 Eucharistic Vigil 0.00
Mass Attendance 9:00 a.m. = 103 11:00 a.m. = 98	Repair 45.00 Less 5% Tax (87.26) Net to Parish \$1,657.94

Thank You and Blessings On All

Rectory Open House

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped make our Christmas celebration so beautiful and memorable: Claire Miller, Bill Hueckel and all who assisted in cleaning and decorating the church, all greeters, ushers, readers, extraordinary ministers, musicians, choir members, servers, and all who came to celebrate Christmas here at Holy Cross.

In addition, all of us thank you sincerely for your many and varied expressions of holiday greetings and remembrances. **Please come to the Rectory and join us in celebrating each other at our Open House after both Masses today.**

Finally, as this New Year of grace begins, we pray that you and your families will grow in faith, hope, and love each day. May God, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to fulfillment.

Prayerfully,
 Your Pastoral Staff

**LOVED ONES REMEMBERED BY
 POINSETTIA DONATIONS**

(as of December 20, 2008)

Joe & Irene Adamusko
 Angelo-Noesner Family
 Richard & Freda Bellamy
 Blalock Family
 John J. Burdyn
 Joseph A. Burdyn
 Brother Michael W. Carlyle, B.G.S.
 Deceased of Cataline, Scanlon, & Medert Families
 Collins & Sheridan Family Members
 Domenic Conte
 Deceased of Crum Family
 Living & Deceased of Cullinan Family
 Albina Cykowski
 Daugherty-Grady Families
 Bill, Marion & Kathy Davis
 Joseph H. Davis
 George Dickerson
 DiSanto & Ericksen Families
 Edwards Family
 Clyde & Jeff Elliott
 Endres Family
 Howard & Marian Evans
 Rosemary Fee
 Jack Finn
 Gary Fox
 Jack Fuerst
 Girouard Family
 Green Family
 Helene, Thomas, James & Patty Groom
 Guerin Family
 The Guisinger Family
 Cathy Haninger
 Elsie Haninger
 Margaret Haninger
 Haninger Family
 Emil & Johanna Heider
 Deceased Members & Friends of 1960's Holy Cross Choir
 Robert S. Hunt
 Chad Elliott James
 Deceased members of Kelly & Bartley Families
 Jack & Ula Kearns
 Rita Kerns
 Kiersh Family

THE WORD

This is the only episode we have about Jesus between the time of His infancy and His Baptism in the Jordan as an adult. One might smile at its confirmation that even having the Son of God as an adolescent was no easy thing. But this is more than a story that includes a rare moment of tension within the Holy Family. If He grew in wisdom and grace, I like to think that there were at least several moments when Mary called out the window, "Didn't I tell you not to....." Nor is it simply a tale reflecting how the young Jesus sometimes had to navigate conflicting loyalties: obedience to His earthly parents versus the call of His heavenly Father.

Luke reminds us twice in His Gospel that "Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man" (Luke 2:52); see also 2:40). Here he provides us with a story showing Jesus as He grows in wisdom, coming to recognize whose Son He is and what that means: an intense relationship with His father and all that belongs to and concerns His father. Here we see Him as one "filled with wisdom and the favor of God was upon Him"(2:40).

Perhaps some consolation can be found in realizing that even living in the presence of the Son of God did not remove all anxieties, even for His parents. However, what continued to hold this family together was their mutual desire to do God's will, along with a willingness to ponder, as Mary did time and time again, what exactly all this might mean, trusting in God all the while.

– from "Living the Word"

† December 27, 2009 †	
Holy Family Sunday	
❖ Hymns are <u>not</u> announced ❖	
The first reading begins on page 52.	
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. – Kelly Doman, organist	
Gathering Hymn	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i> (#485)
Responsorial Psalm	<i>Blessed Are Those</i> <i>Who Love You</i> (#435)
Gospel Acclamation	(#32, page 54)
Offertory Hymn	<i>Sing of Mary</i> (#975)
Communion Hymn	<i>God Rest You Merry,</i> <i>Gentlemen</i> (#482)
Closing Hymn	<i>Come, Sing a Home and Family</i> (#962)

Special Parish Dates

Mark your calendars for the following important dates for the parish:

- 1) **Sunday, December 27, 2009 – Feast of the Holy Family – Rectory Open House after both Masses.**
- 2) **Friday-January 1, 2010 – Mary, Mother of God – Holyday of Obligation, Mass will be at 10:00 a.m.**

New Years Blessing

*God of the ages and God of now,
 give us what we need to undertake new things –
 new trials and new triumphs, new blessings and
 new burdens, but also a new year that might bring
 more of the same. God of the new covenant and a new
 commandment, help us take new directions in our lives
 without losing our appreciation for the old. Help us
 not to seek new for newness' sake – new friends, new
 clothes, new jobs – but as the next right step in fulfilling
 Your timeless plan for us. God, who forever creates and
 renews, let us honor Your example by giving people second
 chances, reclaiming our right to hope, and looking for You
 in unexpected places. Let us never forget what You did
 through Jesus, the new promise of Your ancient love.*

**LOVED ONES REMEMBERED BY
 POINSETTIA DONATIONS**

(CONTINUED)

Kral Family
 Deceased members of Lane – Hicks – Grey Families
 Lewandowski Family
 Gary Stephen Lyle
 James Manley
 Patricia Manley
 Patricia Martin
 Helen Gale & Samantha McCarthy
 Theresa Messmer
 Cris, Luke & Ryan Morbitzer
 Don & Sybilla Murnane
 Deceased of Naumawski Family
 Fred & Josephine Newton
 William O'Reilly
 Wesley Plank
 Dolores Probasco
 Michael G. Reid
 The Ruffing Family
 Mrs. Jorgelina Maria Saracho
 Mr. Schelmer
 Kathleen Scholl
 Bill Scholl
 Frank Scholl
 Raymond Scholl
 Robert Scholl
 Matt Schultz
 Shea Family
 Anna Sheline
 Francis & William Sheline
 Edna Shirey
 Susie Stover
 Paul Stover
 Paul Stover, Jr.
 Deceased of Szymkowiak Family
 Deceased Members of Visocan & Fabianski Families