

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Sunday, February 22 ♦**  
**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 (Richard & Shirley Lumpe)  
 11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12  
**Monday, February 23 ♦ NO MASS**  
**Tuesday, February 24 ♦ Weekday**  
 11:30 a.m. Patricia Manley (Tom & Nancy Gross)  
 Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37  
**Wednesday, February 25 ♦ Ash Wednesday**  
 11:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Cullinan Family  
 (Jeanne Cullinan Brown)  
 Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thursday, February 26 ♦ Lenten Weekday**  
 11:30 a.m. Cecillia Dury (Joe Dury)  
 Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25  
**Friday, February 27 ♦ Lenten Weekday**  
 11:30 a.m. Chris Stluka (His Family)  
 Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15  
**Saturday, February 28 ♦ Lenten Weekday**  
 11:30 a.m. Elizabeth Webster  
 (Richard & Shirley Lumpe)  
 Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32  
**Sunday, March 1 ♦ First Sunday of Lent**  
 9:00 a.m. Mary La Scala (Mary Montell)  
 11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

**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 home-bound parishioners and those who are ill: Mary Cordesco, Sara Fingerlin, Marianne Garrison, Elsie Haninger, Theresa Hyle, Mary Kay Keefer, Mary Knapp, Edith Kowalsky, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Rita Neff, Amanda Pilkington, Mary Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Sheila Shirey, Margaret Trainor, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

| <b>THANKS!</b>   |  |
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| <b>February 15, 2009 Offerings</b>   |  |
| <b>Designated Collections</b><br>(Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese) | <b>Offering.....\$1,508.00</b>         |
| <b>Mass Attendance</b><br>9:00 a.m. = 90<br>11:00 a.m. = 98                | <b>Votives.....36.00</b>               |
|  | <b>Novena/1st Friday ..... 0.00</b>    |
|  | <b>Repair..... 668.00</b>              |
|  | <b>Less 5% Diocesan Tax.. (110.60)</b> |
|  | <b>Net to Parish ..... \$2,101.40</b>  |

**Pancake Breakfast – Today!**

Please plan to come to our Pre-Lenten “Mardi Gras” Pancake Breakfast today after each Mass.

**Repair Collection – Results**

Thank you for the generosity and support of the Repair Fund collection last week. \$668.00 was contributed.

**Choir Practice at Holy Cross**

Holy Cross Choir is now practicing for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. **New choir members are welcomed!** The first rehearsal will be held on Sunday, March 1st, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Sarita Zaffini will be directing our choir.

**How about a Spiritual Stimulus Plan?**

Many people are talking about the stimulus plan and all the money that will be spent. Will it work? Is it too much? How about a spiritual stimulus plan? On March 1st at 2:00 p.m., and March 8th at 10:00 a.m., come and hear Sister Carolyn Thomas, SCN, Ph.D. present St. Paul’s spiritual stimulus plan based on his letter to the Romans, a plan that promises eternal results if you invest.

**Lenten Opportunities at Holy Cross**

*Ash Wednesday, February 25th:* Ashes will be distributed during the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Day of fast and abstinence\*.

*Every Friday:* Stations of the Cross after 11:30 a.m. Mass. [Sorrowful Mother Novena will resume on **First Fridays after Easter.**] Day of abstinence (no meat for those over 14 years of age).

*Deanery Reconciliation Service:* March 8th at 4:00 p.m., at Holy Rosary/St. John, 648 S. Ohio Avenue.

*Holy Thursday:* Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 5:30 p.m.

*Good Friday:* Day of fast and abstinence.  
 1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
 2:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy and Holy Communion

*Holy Saturday:* 8:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil

**\*Fast = One main meal, 2 lesser meals, no food between meals for 21-59 years. Abstinence = no meat for over 14 years old.**

**THE WORD**

Word got around when Jesus returned to Capernaum from preaching in the towns of Galilee. They filled the house, probably Simon Peter’s, and He preached to them. His message Mark told us early on: Now is the time of fulfillment; the kingdom of God is at hand (see Mark 1:15). To participate in the reign of God one had to repent of one’s sins and believe in the good news of a forgiving God.

Jesus’ agenda had to do with bringing people into the kingdom by calling them to repentance. This was His purpose, in fidelity to His Father’s will. So when a paralyzed man was lowered through the roof, Jesus’ response to the faith He saw exhibited was to announce, “Child, your sins are forgiven” (2:5). The passive voice indicates that God is at work here. Jesus is announcing the forgiveness of the God of Isaiah, who is doing something new through Him.

Forgiveness may have come first in Jesus’ mind, but what the scribes heard was blasphemy. To forgive sins was the prerogative of God. No human could lay claim to this or assume the authority to do it. Nothing is said, but the heart can communicate without words both love and hatred.

Jesus’ response is to confront these scribes and then turn to the man to say, “pick up your mat and go home” (2:11). The healing came after the forgiving. For Jesus, forgiveness comes first, for it effects the deepest healing. Through forgiveness a new world can come about, for in forgiving God touches and transforms human hearts. Forgiveness heals.

– From “Living the Word”

**Lucian (Michael) Smith in Our Town**

Come see Lucian at Wright State University Theatre in *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder: February 26-28 at 8:00 p.m. February 22, 28 and March 1 at 3:00 p.m. February 25 at 7:00 p.m. Location: Festival Playhouse, 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway, Dayton, OH 45435. Call 937-775-2500 for tickets.

✠ 22 February 2009 ✠

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

❖ Hymns are not announced ❖

**The first reading begins on page 81.**

**9:00 and 11:00 a.m. – Sarita Zaffini, organist**

**Gathering Hymn** *Sing a New Song*  
(#893)

**Responsorial Psalm** *Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.* (#53, page 82)

**Gospel Acclamation** *Alleluia*  
(#54, page 82)

**Offertory Hymn** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* (#916)

**Communion Hymn** *Take and Eat*  
(#648)

**Closing Hymn** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*  
(#703)

**Special Parish Dates**

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

- 1) **Sunday, February 22, 2009. Burning of Palms and Pancake Breakfast after each Mass.**
- 2) **Wednesday, February 25, 2009 – Ash Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. Mass only.**
- 3) **Sunday, March 1, 2009 – Rite of Sending at 9:00 a.m. Mass for RCIA candidates.**
- 4) **Tuesday, March 17, 2009 – St. Patrick Feast Day – Bishop Campbell celebrating Mass at 9:30 a.m. No 11:30 a.m. Mass.**

**Ash Wednesday Collections**

- First, the proceeds of Ash Wednesday collection will be contributed to The Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN). JOIN is a Diocesan agency which provides emergency assistance for the poor in the form of food, clothing, prescription help, utility help, infant formula and Ensure, eyeglasses, bus transportation, burial assistance, senior items and referrals to other public and private service providers.
- Second, the Office for Social Concerns is challenging us to clean out our cupboards on “Fat” Tuesday and donate canned foods for the local food bank that serves the needy in our community. Bins will be available at each door.

**R.C.I.A.**

Next Sunday, March 1st at the 9:00 a.m. Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Sending for our catechumen and candidate. At this time, we as a parish will send them to the Bishop for the Rite of Election to take place at St. Edward in Granville at 6:30 p.m. All the candidates/catechumens of the diocese will officially be welcomed by the Bishop to enter the final phase of purification and intensive preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

**Black and Indian Collection – March 1st**

Next Sunday, the Annual National Collection for the Black and Indian evangelization will be taken at Mass. It is an important National Collection, vital to the Church today, as it is used to support current and new evangelization programs. Your support will help the many programs begun in the parishes and schools to continue. Our own RCIA is funded by this collection.

**Lenten Retreat for Young Adults**

The Office of Youth and Young Adults is offering a retreat for young adults, ages 20-35, on March 21, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at St. Mary Church in German Village. There will be morning prayer, three workshops, and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before celebrating Mass. Please register by Wednesday, March 18th by contacting The Office of Youth/Young Adults at 614-241-2565. The cost is \$30.00, payable to “OYYAM,” and includes morning refreshments and lunch.