

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, December 12 ♦ Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 11:00 a.m. Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran

Is 35:1-6, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Monday, December 13 ♦ No Mass

Tuesday, December 14 ♦ St. John of the Cross

11:30 a.m. Elsie Haninger (Mark & Claudia Fruin)
 Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 15 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Msgr. James Berendt (His Family)
 Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25; Lk 7:18-23

Thursday, December 16 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Sr. Mary Ann Creely (Her Family)
 Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

Friday, December 17 ♦ Late Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Marie & Jay Wishau –
 Wedding Anniversary
 (Jack & Jan Kustron)
 Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Saturday, December 18 ♦ Late Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Bonnie J. Henry
 (Mr. & Mrs. Rocco Marrone)
 Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Sunday, December 19 ♦ Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 11:00 a.m. Margaret & Ellen Kinney
 (Helen T. Walsh)
 Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Mary Bonner, Mary Cordesco, Sara Fingerlin, Marianne Garrison, Dorothy Gaus, Bobby Hackett, Lauren Jones, Mary Kay Keefer, Mary Knapp, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Cathy Miller, Mary Montell, Rita Neff, Marilyn Scott, Joe Shirey, Fr. Jerry Stluka, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

Support to St. Lawrence Haven – Today!

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. This is our day to support St. Lawrence Haven, following the 9:00 a.m Mass at the Cum Christo Center.



Welcome New Parishioners

We are pleased to announce the following who have recently registered in the parish:

Mr. & Mrs. Donald (& Darlene) Manley
 Mrs. Joanne (Jodi) Elgin

Repair Fund Collection – Results

Thank you for the generosity and support of the Repair Fund collection last week. \$733.65 was contributed.



Christmas Flower Donations

Donations toward the altar flowers for the Christmas season in the memory of deceased family members or friends can be put in upcoming Sunday collections with the person’s name you wish to remember. A donation of \$10.00 is suggested. Please utilize the special envelopes available for this purpose.

Christmas Music Preparation

Christmas Eve Mass can get crowded – we have a special reserved seat just for you!! The Choir Loft has a seat available for you and you only need to sing praises to God to claim it! Join with us at noon (following the 11:00 a.m. Mass) **TODAY** and on December 19 in the balcony. We will spend about an hour each week learning some beautiful music for the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Other benefits include: singing increases joy, singing is a musical prayer, singing loudly can help to alleviate your holiday stresses and singing can deepen your connection to the newborn King. No prior experience necessary.

Religious Retirement Collection – Today!

The second collection this week will be for Retirement Fund for Religious. There are more than 11,000 Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests that need skilled care or help with tasks of daily living. Please be generous.

WELCOME

If you are not yet registered in our parish, please drop this form in the collection basket:

 Yes, I would like to register in Holy Cross Parish

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone no. _____
 E-mail: _____

THANKS!

December 5, 2010 Offerings

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory	\$2,021.00
	Votives	44.75
	Eucharistic Vigil	20.35
	Repair	733.65
Mass Attendance 9:00 a.m. = 96 11:00 a.m. = 95	Less 5% tax	(140.99)
	Net to Parish:	\$2,678.76

THE WORD



Joy is different from happiness. Happiness is a transient experience, but joy has more depth to it, more lasting roots. It can be independent of what is going on around us. In John's Gospel, the night before He died, Jesus says to His disciples that He wants His joy to be in them and their joy to be complete (John 15:11). And Paul writes to the Thessalonians: "rejoice always" (2 Thessalonians 5:16).

Today's readings invite us to think about what brings us joy. Isaiah offers images of a world that will blossom or bloom, flowering into fullness. The prophet gives us wonderful images of dry, parched land suddenly breaking into a colorful display of new and abundant life.

This fullness also results from something being restored that had been lost or that was missing from the start: hearing, being able to sing and leap with joy, health of body and spirit. Such fullness comes from God. It is gift, pure and simple.

God wants us to have this fullness of life, to be sure. It will come with the coming of the Lord. In the meantime, we are to wait patiently, not complaining, but with hearts marked by certitude. We have assurance in that we have already been welcomed into the kingdom at our Baptism. The rest is only a matter of time. In speaking of John as more than a prophet, Jesus concludes by saying, "Yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he" (Matthew 11:11).

—from "Living the Word"

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❖ **Hymns are not announced** ❖

The first reading begins on page 34.

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. – Kelly Doman, organist

Gathering Hymn	<i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i> (#469)
Responsorial Psalm	Lord, Come and Save Us (#445)
Gospel Acclamation	<i>(Missalette p. 36, #18)</i>
Offertory Hymn	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i> (#814)
Eucharistic Acclamations	<i>(Missa Emmanuel)</i>
Communion Hymn	<i>Remember Me</i> (#642)
Closing Hymn	<i>O Come, Divine Messiah</i> (#463)

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Sunday, December 12, 2010 – Deanery Reconciliation Service at 4:00 p.m. at Holy Cross.**
- 2) **Friday, December 24, 2010 – Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m.**
- 3) **Saturday, December 25, 2010 – Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.**
- 4) **Sunday, December 26, 2010 – Feast of the Holy Family – Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**
- 5) **Sunday, January 2, 2011 – The Epiphany of the Lord – Open House following each Mass.**

Deanery Reconciliation Service – TODAY!

You are encouraged to participate in our Deanery Reconciliation/Penance Service here at Holy Cross today at 4:00 p.m. There will be extra priests from our Deanery Churches to hear confessions. This is a good opportunity for us to pray together as a Deanery community.

2010 Celebrating Catholic School Virtues

The 2010 Celebrating Catholic School Virtues Gala held November 9 raised \$185,000.00 for tuition assistance to our Catholic schools. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support of this event which benefits vital tuition assistance efforts.

"Holiness Revolution"

High School students are invited to "Holiness Revolution" at St. Dominic Church, 453 N. 20th Street, Columbus, on Saturday, January 15th, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Challenging High Schoolers to embrace and live their Catholic faith, "Holiness Revolution" features music, skits, dramas, keynote speaker, student testimonies, and food in a unique environment. The ultimate goal is to draw students into active participation in the life, mission, and work of their local parish community. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5.00. "Holiness Revolution" is sponsored by Catholic Youth Summer Camp, Inc. (CYSC). For more information, please visit www.cysc.com or www.holinessrevolution.com or Facebook "cysc live" or "holiness revolution."

Advent Spiritual Day Spa

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the Advent Season with a little Spiritual Day Spa! Fr. Joshua Wagner will be offering a midweek day of reflection December 15th, 2010, at St. Theresa's Retreat House. The day of reflection, "Mary's Christmas Joy!", will be an opportunity to step out of the busyness of your daily life and reflect with your friends on Our Blessed Mother and the coming of her Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. The day of reflection is \$50.00, and includes lunch and snacks. Come and experience the joy of Christ's peace with inspiring talks, Mass, and confessions! Go to www.SpiritDaySpa.com to get more information!