

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**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

**Monday, January 4 ♦ No Mass**

**Tuesday, January 5 ♦ St. John Neumann**

11:30 a.m. Timothy Boldizar (Joan Bryant)  
 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday, January 6 ♦ Christmas Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran  
 (The Parker Family)  
 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday, January 7 ♦ Christmas Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Raymond Scholl (Mary Scholl)  
 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22

**Friday, January 8 ♦ Christmas Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Anne Filichia (Mary Collura)  
 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday, January 9 ♦ Christmas Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Elsie Haninger (John & Kellie Erwin)  
 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

**Sunday, January 10 ♦ Baptism of the Lord**

9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 (Richard & Shirley Lumpe)  
 11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**+ 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, Brian Wollenberg.

**Monthly Financial Target – December 2009**

Average Monthly Budgeted Expense:	\$18,118.71
December 2009 Net Offerings =	\$15,547.91
Other Parish Income =	\$18,381.13
(includes BAA refund = \$17,451.13)	
<b>Total December 2009 Income</b>	<b>\$34,004.04</b>
Monthly Results – Gain	\$15,885.33

**LOVED ONES REMEMBERED BY POINSETTIAS DONATIONS**

(as of December 27, 2008)  
 Joe & Irene Adamusko  
 Angelo-Noesner Family  
 John Balogh  
 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  
 Betty Grosh  
 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  
 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  
 Mildred & Dan Morris  
 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  
 The Stluka Family  
 Susie Stover  
 Paul Stover  
 Paul Stover, Jr.  
 Deceased of Szymkowiak Family  
 Deceased Members of Visocan & Fabianski Families  
 Rose & Tom Wolfe

**THE WORD**

Matthew's tale is less a story of adventurous seekers than of a luring God, drawing others into the mystery of divinity through the birth of Jesus. A star that guides and wise words that explain are what help lead the magi to their destination. Natural signs and words of revelation are what God works through in our own day to bring us into the presence of Jesus, the Son of God.

The story of the wise men is yet another journey that surrounds the birth of Jesus. It speaks to all seeking God in today's world. God does not use force to attract others. Angels speak a message of joy for all but give no orders that insist that the shepherds journey through the dark of night to worship. A star appears in the sky but no one forces these astrologers to pack up some gifts and make their way across foreign terrain to kneel and prostrate themselves and do Jesus homage.

At the heart of this story is the message announced in the letter to the Ephesians: God's plan was that everyone be included in the mystery of salvation, that, along with the children of Abraham, "the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 3:6). God wants everyone to share in divine life – *everyone!* Give it your thoughtful consideration.

– from "Living the Word"

✠ **January 3, 2010** ✠  
**Epiphany of the Lord**

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❖ **Hymns are not announced** ❖  
**The first reading begins on page 59.**  
**9:00 and 11:00 a.m. – Kelly Doman, organist**

<b>Gathering Hymn</b>	<i>Songs of Thankfulness and Praise</i> (#512)
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<i>Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.</i> (#37, page 60)
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	(#38, page 61)
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i> (#513)
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<i>What Child is This</i> (#514)
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<i>What Star is This</i> (#515)

**Special Parish Dates**

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

- 1) Sunday, February 14, 2010 – Burning of Ashes and Pancake Breakfast.
- 2) Wednesday, February 17, 2008 – Ash Wednesday – Mass at 11:30 a.m.

**Sincere Gratitude**

What a beautiful tribute to your generosity in our ability to share our blessings with some needy brothers and sisters. We assisted four parish families – five J.O.I.N. families – several from our neighboring deanery parish and other needy friends and "at-the-door" emergencies. Special thanks to Rachel & Tom Walsh for coordinating this project with help from Dan & Carla Bednar. May you experience the joy and blessing of giving.

**Christmas Collection Results**

Holy Day = \$5,793.26  
 Diocesan Charities = \$1,312.35  
 Attendance – 4:00 p.m. = 613, 10:00 a.m. = 90  
 Thank you for your generosity !!

**Repair Fund Collection – January 10th**

A second collection will be taken up next week for the repairs on the church and Rectory. We thank you in advance for your continuous support of this program.

**Good News!**

Our parish received a second refund from the Diocese for exceeding the BAA goal during the third and final year of our Capital Campaign. The amount of the refund was \$17,451.13 bringing the total to date of \$ 38,220.00 and can grow to over \$92,000.00 when all the pledge payments have been received by the Diocese. These funds have been sent to our Diocesan savings account to pay towards capital improvements. THANK YOU!

**2009 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 2009.

**Cum Christo Weekends**

Renew your commitment to Christ by making a Cum Christo weekend. The Cum Christo ministry brings Christians together in an ecumenical environment. Applications are now being accepted for upcoming 2010 weekends:

Men's: March 11 to 14 and September 16 to 19

Women's: April 22 to 25 and November 4 to 7

For more information, contact Peter Garrett, Sr. Pat or visit the web site [www.cumchristo.org](http://www.cumchristo.org).

**THANKS!**  
**December 27, 2009 Offerings**

<b>Designated Collections</b> (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offering..... \$1,632.90
Diocesan Charities = \$1,312.35	Votives..... 34.00
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	Eucharistic Vigil..... 0.00
9:00 a.m. = 92	Repair..... 0.00
11:00 a.m. = 111	Less 5% Tax..... (83.34)
	<b>Net to Parish ..... \$1,583.55</b>