

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, April 3 ♦ Fourth Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 11:00 a.m. Matt Murtha (Pezzutti Family)  
 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or  
 Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Monday, April 4 ♦ No Mass**

**Tuesday, April 5 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Increase of Vocations to Priesthood  
 & Religious Life  
 Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday, April 6 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran  
 Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday, April 7 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran  
 Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday, April 8 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Deceased of Cullinan Family  
 (Jeanne Cullinan Brown)  
 Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday, April 9 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Albina Rudakova (William & Inna Gould)  
 Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday, April 10 ♦ Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 11:00 a.m. Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran  
 Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or  
 Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

**+ Please remember in your prayers** our home-bound 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, Rita Rathburn, Marilyn Scott, Alicia Saracho, Graham Sowers, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

**Monthly Financial Target – March 2011**

Average Monthly Budgeted Expense:	\$ 20,836.52
March 2011 Net Offerings	= \$ 10,631.76
Other Parish Income	= \$ 2,291.18

Total March 2011 Income	<u>= \$ 12,922.94</u>
Monthly Results – (Loss)	(\$ 7,913.58)

**THANKS!**

**MARCH 27, 2011 OFFERINGS**

<b>Designated Collections</b> (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory .....\$1,979.06
Japan Disaster = \$940.75	Votives .....77.00
	Eucharistic Vigil.....0.00
	Repair .....81.00
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	Less 5% tax .....(106.85)
9:00 a.m. = 79	<b>Net to Parish: .....\$2,030.21</b>
11:00 a.m. = 129	

**Easter Basket Project**

Once again, the Holy Cross Young Adult Group will be putting together Easter baskets to be distributed to underprivileged children through J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs). Ending with Palm Sunday, containers will be available in the back of the church to collect donations for the baskets. Needed items include baskets, grass, small books, crayons, coloring books, stuffed animals, and toys appropriate for preschool and elementary school-age children; plastic eggs and candy. The Young Adult Group will be assembling the baskets in the Cum Christo Center on April 17, Palm Sunday, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. All donations and any help are much appreciated!

**Japan Disaster Collection – Results**

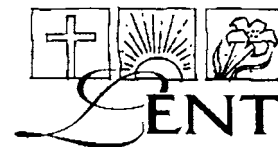
Thank you for the generosity and support of the Japan Disaster collection last week. \$ 940.75 was contributed.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation – Today!**

There will be an opportunity to participate in the deanery Reconciliation Service today at 4:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary/St. John Church, 648 S. Ohio Avenue.

**St. Lawrence Haven – May 22nd**

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. The next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is Sunday, May 22nd, following the 9:00 a.m Mass at the Cum Christo Center.



**Lenten Opportunities at Holy Cross**

*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).

*Holy Thursday:* Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 6:00 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

Most of us can recognize times when we are “in the dark” and occasions when we carry darkness in our hearts, just as there are moments when we feel enlightened and find that our vision is clear. It is quite another thing to become identified with darkness or with light. The first words of today’s reading from the Letter to the Ephesians stand out for their boldness: “You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord” (Ephesians 5:9).

We get a glimpse of what it means to be light in the Lord both from Samuel, who finally sees as God sees, and in the courageous behavior of the man born blind after Jesus has healed him. Samuel anoints Israel’s greatest king, David, and the man born blind comes to faith in Jesus as Lord.

The man born blind is one of those strong figures found in John’s Gospel. Like the woman at the well, we never learn his name but we come to know his heart. His speech is straightforward, whether speaking to his neighbors, the Pharisees, or Jesus. You can hear the gradual dawning of faith as he responds to those around him, from the simple, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see” to “He is a prophet,” to his answer to Jesus’ question about having faith in the Son of man standing before him, “I do believe, Lord” (John 9:15, 17, 38).

In the beginning God spoke. Those first words have never stopped bringing about what they said: “Let there be light”(Genesis 1:3).

*from “Living the Word”*

✠ April 3, 2011 ✠

**The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

❖ Hymns are not announced ❖

The first reading begins on page 97.

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

**Gathering Hymn** *Christ, Be Our Light*  
(# 924)

**Responsorial Psalm** The Lord Is My Shepherd  
(#385)

**Gospel Acclamation** (Missalette p. 99, #64)

**Offertory Hymn** Awake, O Sleeper,  
Rise from Death  
(#788)

**Eucharistic Acclamations** (#306, #276, #278, #311)

**Communion Hymn** *The King of Love*  
(#815)

**Closing Hymn** *City of God*  
(#774)

## Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Sunday, April 3, 2011 – Deanery Reconciliation Service at 4:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary/St. John, 648 S. Ohio Avenue.**
- 2) **Sunday, May 15, 2011 – First Communion – 9:00 a.m. Mass.**

## Catholic Relief Services (CRS) – Today!

The second collection today is for the annual CRS Collection which funds critical work of the Church in caring for the urgent needs of our brothers and sisters around the world who are victims of war, persecution, disasters, and poverty. It supports the work of Catholic Relief Services; the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church; the Holy Father’s Relief Fund; the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development; the USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS); and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC).

## Baptism Preparation Class

There will be a Baptism Preparation class for new or expectant parents after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 10, 2011. The meeting will take place in the Rectory. If you plan to attend or need more information, please call Fr. Jerry or Sr. Anne at 614-224-3416. Thank You.

## Altar Easter Flowers

Donations toward the altar flowers (envelopes provided) for the Easter Season in the memory of deceased family members or friends can be put in the Sunday collections with the person’s name you wish to remember. A donation of \$10.00 is suggested.

## Choir Practice

All interested singers are invited to gather in the balcony for the choir practice in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We will rehearse for one hour immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

ALL are invited to deepen their Lenten experience through singing with the choir. Contact Kelly for more information ([keladom@insight.rr.com](mailto:keladom@insight.rr.com) or 920-4443).

## CITYWIDE PRAYER MEETING

A Citywide Prayer Meeting, sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, is being held at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal on Saturday, April 9th, 5225 Refugee Rd., Columbus, OH 43232. Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. with Praise and Worship, Prayer Ministry and Teaching, and Fellowship will follow Mass. The topic of our focus is: “Choosing To Trust In God’s Love” by Patrick Shroyer. Fr. Dean Mathewson will celebrate Mass. For more information, please call 614-237-7080.