

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, December 4 ♦ Second Sunday In Advent

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross

11:00 a.m. Marie Driscoll

(Eric & Patti Winterhalter)

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday, December 5 ♦ No Mass

Tuesday, December 6 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Teresa Still (Bonnie Bowes)

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 7 ♦ St. Ambrose

11:30 a.m. Carl Browman (Family)

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 8 ♦

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11:30 a.m. Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday, December 9 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Marie Driscoll

(Rosemarie & Ted Sekinger)

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 10 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Pardi Famil

(Paul & Charlene Pardi)

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9, 10-13

Sunday, December 11 ♦ Third Sunday In Advent

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross

11:00 a.m. Jeanette Rice

(Warren & Carolyn Roberts)

Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

+ Please remember in your prayers our home-bound parishioners, and those who are ill: Mary Bonner, Mary Cordesco, Marianne Garrison, Jestina Jones, Lauren Jones, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Cathy Miller, Mary Montell, Charles Mooney, Bob Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Graham Sowers, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

Monthly Financial Target – November 2011

Average Monthly Budgeted Expense:	\$19,036.74
October 2011 Net Offerings	= \$ 9,274.89
Other Parish Income	= \$ 1,831.26
Total October 2011 Income	= \$11,106.15
Monthly Results – Loss	(\$,930.59)

THANKS!

NOVEMBER 27, 2011 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory.....\$1,541.34
	Votives.....21.00
Mass Attendance	Eucharistic Vigil0.00
	Repair0.00
9:00 a.m. = 62	Less 5% tax.....(78.12)
11:00 a.m. = 108	Net to Parish: \$1,484.22

Gratitude

It has been said that gratitude is a marvelous virtue and this thought is also expressed by Meister Eckhart when he wrote “If the only prayer you said in your whole life was thank you that would suffice.” So, the Holy Cross staff wants to express our gratitude to all our parishioners who gave so generously to our Thanksgiving Basket project. May you receive many blessings for providing food for so many needy families. **Thank You!**

Advent Giving Tree

A “shout out” goes to those who took a tag last Sunday from the Advent Giving Tree the families who will receive from your generosity will be very happy. There still are a few tags left, so if you have not taken a name yet please consider doing so. Remember the gift (with name tag on top) needs to be back in church under the tree by Sunday, December 18th.

Liturgical Ministers and Servers

Please check the list in the sacristy to sign up to serve as Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Server for the Christmas Masses. We appreciate your generosity.

We need YOU this Christmas!

We have lost some members to job relocation, illness and college graduation recently and we’d like you to consider helping us to fill in our ranks. Please grant yourself the benefit of choral singing this coming Advent/Christmas season. You’ll be glad you did! Contact Kelly Doman for more information. We practice every Sunday following the 11:00 a.m. Mass through December 18th. No experience necessary!!

Other Benefits of singing in the choir include:

- FREE vocal training for all during rehearsal;
- Fun, laughter and camaraderie with other singers;
- Satisfaction of adding beauty to the liturgy at Holy Cross;
- Weekly exercise climbing the stairs to the balcony;
- And a guaranteed seat for the crowded 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

Repair Fund Collection – Today!

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

THE WORD

I remember hearing about a little boy coming home from Church and being asked what the preacher had spoken about. The Church used the King James Version of the scriptures and the preacher had spent some time on the reading from Isaiah we heard today. But that translation began: “Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, saith your God.” In response to his parents’ inquiry, the child said, “It was just lovely. The priest told us how God is saying, ‘Come to tea, come to tea, my people.’”

While Isaiah’s message today is certainly comforting, with God telling the prophet to speak tenderly and tell an exiled people that all is forgiven, that the punishment for sin has run its course, these words are not equivalent of an invitation to a relaxing cup of tea. Now as then, they serve as an invitation to get to work, to remove any obstacle that prevents God from coming into our hearts. This means that we have to get our hearts into shape, and our voices have to become willing to announce that God lives and comes with power to save.

John the Baptist remains a model for us today. He spoke out boldly, calling people to prepare a way for the Lord, which was a call to conversion and inner transformation. We are to take in this same message, first as listeners, then as heralds ourselves, witnessing to family, friends, and any who will listen that Jesus desires to come more fully into our lives.

from “Living the Word”

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.

**† December 4, 2011 †
Second Sunday of Advent**

Gathering Hymn	467 On Jordan’s Bank
Gloria	NONE
Readings	Missalette p 20
Psalm	Missalette p.21, #17 Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
Gospel Acclamation	Worship Aid Mass of St. Benedict
Preparation of Gifts	737 Come, Our Almighty King
Eucharistic Acclamations	Worship Aid Mass of St. Benedict
Communion Hymn	786 Make Your Home in Me
Closing Hymn	469 Savior of the Nations, Come

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Sunday, December 11, 2011 – Deanery Reconciliation Service at 4:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle.**
- 2) **Saturday, December 24, 2011 – Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m.**
- 3) **Sunday, December 25, 2011 – Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.**
- 4) **Sunday, January 1, 2011 – The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Open House following each Mass.**

Immaculate Conception – Holy Day!

The Immaculate Conception of Mary is a Holy Day with obligation to attend Mass. Holy Cross will have one Mass on Thursday, December 8 at 11:30 a.m.

Deanery Reconciliation Service

You are encouraged to participate in our Deanery Reconciliation/Penance Service at St. Thomas the Apostle on Sunday, December 11th 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.

Training Session

We need to “build up” our roster of Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors, so if you are interested in serving in either of these roles we have just the meeting for you! Mark your calendars for a training session on Tuesday, January 10, 2012. 6:00 p.m. and/or 7:00 p.m. More details will follow after the New Year. If you have any questions, contact Sr. Anne at the Rectory Office (614-224-3416).

Nine Day Novena – Continues!

Come and join in the celebration of the Nine Day Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception! The novena will be held at Holy Cross at 7:30 p.m. and will be presided by Fr. Ramon Ower, CFIC and Fr. Jose Manickathan, CFIC, on the following dates:

- Sunday, December 4, 2011
- Monday, December 5, 2011
- Tuesday, December 6, 2011
- Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Religious Retirement Collection – December 11th

The second collection next 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.

Advent Booklets

Booklets for Advent reflection and prayer are available at the door – one per household.